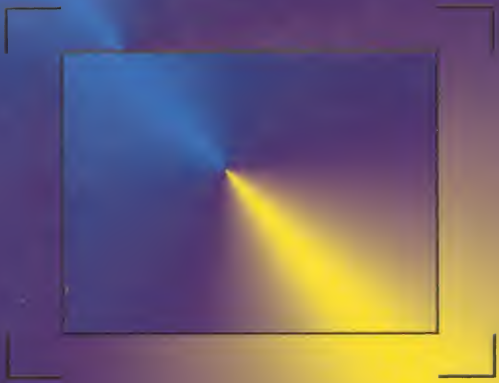

ZERO IN 2000

Excalibur

Not only did students mature as they moved from one grade level to another, but they altered their perceptions about life as well. Involvement in both school and outside activities gave them a chance to stand apart from the crowd and become their own individual while still being a part of a class.

ADJUSTABLE FOCUS SHARP CONTRASTS

From goofy dress-up days during Spirit Week to facing the consequences of drugs and alcohol use during Red Ribbon Week, students looked forward to attending those memorable moments with friends.

Working through seven classes a day and still finding time to become involved in clubs and organizations created a challenge for students. Somehow, they found a way to manage their time and participate in activites that sparked their interest.

FOCAL POINT ANGLE OF VIEW

Whether participating in a team or individual sport, athletes attained a certain amount of respect from their fans and discovered the rewards derived from hard work and dedication.

Creating a new century

During Winter Break, the Royal Regiment participates at the Outback Bowl in Tampa Bay, Florida with seventeen other schools. The marching band and colorguard won Grand Champion in the field show competition with their routine Y2K: Total Annihilation.

Photo by Angela Heinzman

Super fans unwind

Superfans cheer for the football team at the Homecoming Game. The Superfans were mostly seniors who attended many of the sporting events dressed up in costumes. They could be seen in anything from army fatigues to baby diapers.

Photo by Leslie Huelat

Hail to the Queens

Heather Wolf (12), Jen Tortolano (12), Alina Oliver (12), and Danielle Scott (12) put the "buddy system" in effect as they walk to the Homecoming Parade. The seniors' shirts demanded respect from underclassmen with the royal phrase "Bow Down." Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

1999-2000 Excalibur Crown Point High School

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evacuation drill

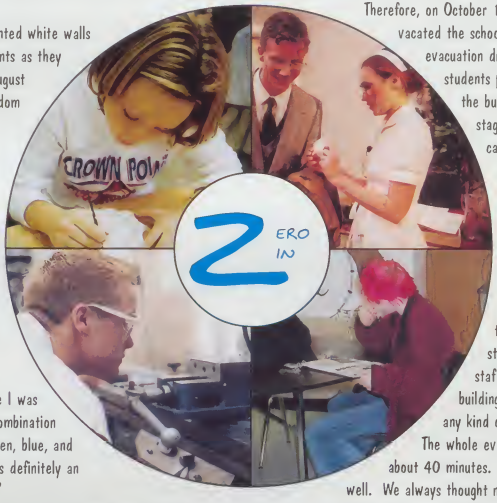
fresh look

noisy construction

security relaxed

Zeros could be seen on clothing, jewelry, hats and posters. The number 2000 seemed to be everywhere, and with it came the hope of a bright new future. Along with this Millennium theme of renewal, the school attempted to spruce itself up a bit as well.

Brightly painted white walls greeted students as they returned in August from the freedom of summer. While some missed the bright colors, others seemed content with the new appearance. Kristen Hunt (11) said, "I was quite surprised since I was used to the combination of orange, green, blue, and yellow. It was definitely an improvement."



White walls were not the only improvements made to the building. Students also found the ceilings upstairs torn apart, missing lights in the foreign language hallway, and a lack of air conditioning in many areas. Although it seemed like forever, staff and students did not have to deal with the inconveniences for too long. Newly installed univents finally appeared, the foreign language hallway welcomed "real" lights in November, and ceiling tiles replaced bare rafters after winter break. After workers installed a new fire alarm system, students and staff complained about its shrill, loud sound. Mrs. Becky Cowan said, "If anyone ever wanted to torture me, that sound would do it." With all the construction noise, students had to really concentrate to "zero in" on the lessons being taught. Heather Diehl (11) said, "It was hard to take notes while pounding and drilling was going on above your head."

As an aftereffect of the Columbine shootings, school officials continued to make safety a priority. Therefore, on October 13, students vacated the school for an evacuation drill. After students poured out of the building in four stages, 40 buses carried them away. Principal James Hardman said, "The purpose of the drill was to remove students and staff from the building in case of any kind of danger." The whole evacuation took about 40 minutes. "It went well. We always thought nothing could happen to the school, but someone or something could have proved us wrong, and after the drill, we knew what to do if we needed to evacuate," said Andrea Jacobs (11).

Other concerns included student safety during the school day. Security had been relaxed a little since last year. Only three officers remained on duty during lunch, and only one full-time officer roamed the halls. Although some saw the officers as unneccesary, most students became comfortable with the "men in blue" golf shirts. Students could often be seen talking and joking with the officers. Mike Zurbriggen (11) said, "They made me feel both safe and intimidated, but we needed them in case of emergencies." (continued p. 4)

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Kara Gora (10) applies underglaze to her ceramic project in Mrs. Linda Pora's (art) third hour ceramics class. Gora took Art 1-2 as a prerequisite for ceramics. Photo by John Sir

2: Anxiously awaiting the finished project, David Yates (11) watches the vertical milling machine. Since many projects took days to complete, the machine shop class was two hours long. Photo by John Sir

3. During [illegible] lunch, Natalie Wahlberg (12) reads while she [illegible] Wahlberg frequently altered her appearance by dying her hair [illegible] colors or by wearing a wig. Photo by John Sir

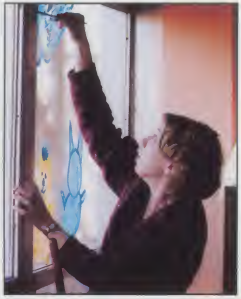
4. Isaiah Sumner (12) as Elwood Dowd and [illegible] Pierce (11) as [illegible] Kelly perform in the fall production of [illegible] was Pierce's first role in any production, but Sumner had appeared in a number of plays and musicals. Photo by [illegible]

What a duckling!!!

At the Key Club sponsored Halloween Party, Salina Paarlberg (12) paints a trick-or-treater's face. In addition to face painting, Key Club also held a haunted house, a costume contest, and told stories. Photo by Dan McLain

Painted windowpanes

During child development Mindy Kozora (12) decorates the room by painting on the windows. The class conducted preschool for children in the community. Photo by John Bir



Pretty printing

Bobi Cadikovski (10) studies calligraphy while Nick Kristoff (10) sketches his design. Both took Art 1-2. Photo by John Bir

Muscle reflections

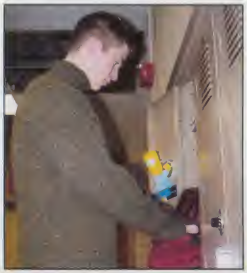
Students work out in Mr. Scott Vlink's (physical education) fifth hour boys' Basic Strength Training (BST) class. BST was a popular elective among athletes. Photo by John Bir

Putting on the finishing touches

Kristine Rasmussen (11) adds ornaments to a tree in the cafeteria during Student Council's annual Christmas decorating. In Student Council, Rasmussen acted as a representative for her class. Photo by Melissa Mariola

Just hanging around

Standing at his locker, Dustin Henderlong (11) digs through his backpack as Bart Simpson decorates his space. Many students chose to decorate their lockers as a kind of self-expression. Photo by Melissa Mariola



How about this one?

At Franklin College, Melissa Mariola (11) and Jeremy McGoldrick (12) choose classes to attend. Both publications staffs attended the Press Association convention. Photo by Mary Beth Miller

It looks okay to me

Aaron Baker (12) checks the power steering fluid under the hood of a car in auto shop. Auto shop club members held a winter car check for the community. Photo by John Bir

reformed policies

new bell system

NEW SCHOOL PLAN ACCEPTED

mobile teachers

Three-hour detentions replaced the Alternative Classroom Center (ACC) as a punishment when administrators discontinued the in-school suspension program. While some students hated staying after school, others preferred it. Greg Granger (12) said, "Detention was better than ACC. Keeping students out of the classroom all day didn't help anybody. They didn't learn anything sitting in a room for seven hours."

To help students learn, five new teachers appeared on the first day. However, a lack of classroom space forced them to teach on the move. Students had to make way for teachers rolling carts down the crowded hallways. Seniority determined who received classrooms. Bryan Buchelt (11) said, "I thought it (seniority system) was a fair system because the teachers that had rooms had been there long enough to deserve them."

With the lack of classroom space in mind and after almost 10 years of bickering, the staff and students cheered at the news that the state board of accounts would allow the new school to be built. Ground breaking took place on March 10 and students and staff attended an after-school ceremony. The new school was expected to open by August 2003 and although none of the current student body would attend it, students could "zero in" on its future importance. "I won't benefit from the new school, but my younger siblings will," said Carrissa Klingberg (11). Some students were not as enthusiastic about the plan as others. Joe Anello (9) said, "The auditorium is too small." However, the new school plan included more classrooms, larger sports facilities, and many technological advancements.

The administration added one technological advancement for the old building as well. However, some people didn't think this one constituted an improvement. After winter break, students discovered a very confusing new bell system. On the first day back, most of the student body arrived late to its first hour classes with the excuse, "I didn't hear any bells. A new 'ding' replaced the previously loud 'TONG'." It was so faint that it proved to be inaudible in much of the building. Later in the week, three dings replaced one ding, and the volume increased. Asma Khalid (10) said, "I cannot comprehend how of all things, these new "bells" never manage to ring like an actual bell should." Asma wasn't the only one who thought that. Several students complained that the new sounds reminded them of other things...including the floor-to-floor ping in an elevator, the you-left-your-keys-in-the-ignition sound a car makes, or the take-off-your-seat belt noise in an airplane. Khalid found a way to "zero in" on the new sound in the January issue of the *Inklings*. She wrote, "The captain (Principal Jim Hardman) is simply requesting that all students find their way to first hour."

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Woody Kelsey (12) inspects the engine under the hood of a Volkswagon. Kelsey removed the engine with the help of his classmates in his transportation class. Photo by John Bir

2. Cornerback Dan Dene (11) pulls his Merrillville opponet to the ground to make the tackle. The team lost to the Pirates 15-0. Photo by Don Hauth of Gleiss

3. Performing during an orchestra concert, Daya Pillai (9) plays his violin. Pillai said, "I did not find it hard to play in front of people because everyone else was playing at the same time." Photo by John Bir

4. Kara Gora (11) secures Heather [illegible] (10) on to a stretcher in Mr. Doug Norris' (physical education) lifesaving class. Students took the class in order to become certified lifeguards. Photo by John Bir

Adjustable Focus

Life requires ability to focus on its various aspects

Day after day, students spent seven hours in school trying to concentrate on academics. When the bell rang at 2:25, many prepared for the other aspects of life...the more enjoyable aspects ...relationships, fashion, vacations, and making choices for the future.

A number of students found that spending time with their sweethearts while trying to find time to hang out with their best buds required adjustments. However, Eric Davis (10) said, "I had time to do things with everyone because my girlfriend was usually with me when I was with my friends."

Not all students centered their lives around dating. Some concerned themselves with the latest fashion trends by getting a piercing or a tattoo. However, others believed in alternative ways of expressing their individuality. Andy Fernandez (9) said, "I didn't think piercing your body was a means of expression; it was actually masking yourself."

Making decisions concerning fashion, dating, and friendships proved easy compared to the serious issues students faced. In October, Red Ribbon Week gave students a chance to focus on the consequences of drug and alcohol use. Some of the student body took the Columbine pledge against violence, wore red ribbons, and participated in Octoberfest. "Red Ribbon Week made me think, and I hoped it made as big an impact on others as it did on me," said April Henderlong (12).

As the cold temperature of January arrived (both inside and outside the building), students counted down the days aiming for the last week of March, Spring Break. While some planned to stay around town, others went to sunny resorts or foreign countries. Brian Cuculich said, "I went to a resort in Belize for nine days with my dad."

As graduation approached, seniors had their minds centered on many difficult decisions. However, some seniors decided to worry about their future in June. "I put off taking the SATs because I was not sure if I was ready to accept full responsibility after graduation," said Starr Rodgers (12).

With so many activities and issues surrounding the student body, it was necessary for them to adopt ar "adjustable focus" concerning life. **-Mary Beth Miller**

Future cartoonist?

Laura Hawes (9) works on a project in Mrs. Dorthy Duffala's 3rd hour Art 1-2 class. Hawes made the Arthur sculpture in front of her. Arthur was a character from a popular children's television program. Watching television served as an escape from daily pressures, especially cartoons and other programs that required very little mental exercise.
Photo by John Bir

Playing the role

Danielle Scott (12) talks to Trevor Bravo (12) about job interviews in her fourth hour H.E.R.O. class. Twenty-three students left school after 4th hour to work. Making money took up students' free time. Around 65 percent had part time jobs. Photo by John Bir

What was your main focus in life?

"Working and concentrating on being a professional athlete and then later a millionaire so I can live in a big house and have a happy family." -Adam Miller (12) with Lou Pitzel (9) Photo by John Bir

"A combination of music and family. Music was important and to do everything to the best of my ability and family was important in order to stay grounded." -Kiki Johnson (12) with Linnea Bessette Photo by John Bir

"To make myself happy, be successful, and do things for myself. I could not take care of anyone else until I took care of myself first." John Brannon (12) Photo by John Bir

"My main focus was school because I wanted to be rich. Besides school, my friends were probably the most important to me." -Nick Paulauski (11) with Lisa Diederich (10) Photo by John Bir

"My main focus in my life was to stay physically fit and musically talented." -Mike Ferraro (9) with Max Roberts (9) Photo by Trey Williams

Back to school comes too soon

Summer days, summer nights

As the bell rang at 2:25 p.m. on June 4, 1999, students rushed away from the stresses of school towards a long anticipated summer. For some, that meant vacationing to an unfamiliar destination or just hanging out with friends and enjoying the summer sun. For others, it brought the responsibilities of a summer job.

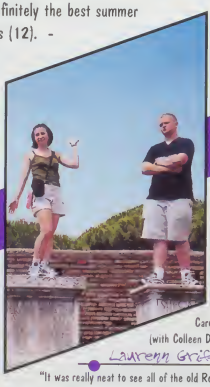
The commonly known phrases, "Would you like fries with that?" or, "Paper or plastic?" took on an entirely different meaning to numerous teenagers. Erica Krick (11) said, "McDonald's was a great place to start working for learning the responsibilities of a job, but I did not enjoy working with greasy food." Bryan Schaefer (11) bagged groceries at Key Market. He said, "I did not want to get a job, but I needed the extra spending money."

When they were not preoccupied with their summer jobs, students found many ways to have some fun. John Paris (12) said, "When my friends and I were off of work, we went to the beach to get some sun and relax." Rain or shine, students could always be found at the mall, cinema, or even the local bowling alley.

Traveling anywhere was preferable to staying at home according to students. For examples, Kristen Sautter (9) said, "One of the best parts of my summer was when Ashley Campbell (9) and I went to the N'Sync concert in Illinois." Although some traveled only as far as Merrillville, others traveled across the globe. Asma Khalid (10) went to Egypt with a tour group. She said, "We went to Cairo, Egypt where we went to the Pyramids and the Temple of Karnak, which was where part of Indiana Jones was filmed."

No matter where they were or what they did, summer brought opportunities for earning money, relaxation and recreation. "This summer was definitely the best summer yet!" said Gayle Mills (12). -

Wendy Splitgerber



Angela Spadoni

"We had a lot of fun together down in North Carolina on our whitewater rafting trip," Spadoni said. (with Colleen Dragga, 10) Photo submitted by Angela Spadoni

Laurenn Griffith (12)

"It was really neat to see all of the old Roman tombstones." (with Ryan Tracy, 12) The two visited Italy with the Foreign Language Department. Photo submitted by Ryan Tracy

Mrs. Janet Drag

On July 9, 1999 Ms. Janet Szot became Mrs. Janet Drag (English). She married Bob on the patio of what is now their backyard after dating for seven years. "Love is better the second time around," she said. Photo submitted by J. Drag

in retrospect

When you were young, what was your favorite thing to do in the summer?

"I used to play basketball everyday in the summer when I was little."

-Kenny Sneade <9>

"I loved riding on my horse when I was young."

-Kayla Spillers <10>

"I used to take off all my clothes and run around in my front yard until my mom would catch me."

-Alea Hooks <11>

"I used to go swimming almost everyday."

-Josh Rivera <12>

Traveling the World

During the summer, Asma Khalid (10) and sister Noreen Khalid (alumni) visited the Gizia Pyramids in Egypt. Khalid said, "Traveling almost all day on a plane was exhausting, but finally arriving in Egypt made it all worth it. It was neat seeing all of the real tombs in person instead of only in pictures." The two girls traveled with their family and a tour group visiting many sites. "I really enjoyed the trip, and I hope to visit there again," said Khalid. Photo submitted by Asma Khalid

Ride 'em Cowboy

Showing off her father's horse with a grin of anticipation, Kelly Vaughan (12) prepares the horse, Maxi's Boy, for a race the following weekend. Vaughan said, "I helped out in the barn so I got to help jog, feed, and bathe all of the horses before a race." Vaughan didn't actually race the horses, she just prepared them, and said she was more than happy to help out. "I loved working with the horses; it was so much fun taking care of them." Photo submitted by Kelly Vaughan

Center Stage

Lindsey Ciochina (11) performs in front of a crowd of thousands at Walt Disney World in Florida. Ciochina, along with Diana Crooks (12) and Kristen Grompone (11), was one of the few chosen to perform at this event. Photo submitted by Lindsey Ciochina

Summer Nights

While in Tampa Bay, Florida, Jennifer Rouse (11), Maggie Fleming (11) and Candace Miller (11) enjoy visiting a local hot spot. It was a favorite tourist attraction as well as a popular place for local residents. Photo submitted by Candace Miller

Wall of Spirit

Putting on the final touches before judging, Nichole Ruehl (12) takes the time before school to make sure that the seniors' spirit wall is perfect. Her hard work paid off since the senior class won first place in the spirit contest. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Hail to the Queen

Homecoming Queen candidates Katie Lemke (12), Blythe Hamilton (12), Katie Zelms (12), and Audrey Metros (12) stand together as the crowd applaudes the newly crowned Queen, Heather Mann (12), and her court during halftime at the homecoming game. Heather Mann said, "I felt very excited that night. I couldn't believe I actually won." Mann crowned Mr. Football, Jeremy Williams, the next evening at the dance as her first official duty as queen. Photo by Don Hanft of Giolas

Adding final touches

Hard at work, Kelly Hein (11) and Elizabeth Schmitz (11) get the junior float ready for the parade. Despite their hard work, the freshmen won the best float competition in the homecoming parade. Photo by Stephanie Black

Kicking it Up

With her father Mitch, the new Queen, Heather Mann (12), shows off her cleats. It was a tradition for Homecoming Queens who played soccer to wear their cleats. Photo by Don Hanft of Giolas

Dress Up Days Bring Fun

Show us some spirit

Students showing up to school with painted faces, teachers looking like something out of Hawaii Five-O, and administrators getting hit with pies??? It was Spirit Week and it gave teachers and students an opportunity to let loose and have some fun.

As always, Spirit Week had its extraordinary dress-up days. Everybody's favorite, Pajama day, allowed students to spend a day in the comfort of flannels and fluffy slippers. Then on Mix and Match Day, everyone seemed to acquire color blindness. Maueen Sertich (12) said, "My least favorite day was mix and match day because everyone made fun of me." There were even days when super heroes and cartoon characters graced the halls. Chris Coe (10) said, "Costume day was exciting because I enjoyed seeing everybody's odd costumes. Hawaiian Day brought out grass skirts, coconuts used in some very strange ways, and leis."

The week concluded with Red and White day and a voluntary pep rally. For the first time, only those students who wanted to attend came to the rally. At the rally class representatives raced one another by pushing a potato across the gym floor with their noses. Katie Lemke (12) said "I thought the pep rally was really fun. There were no dull moments. I also found out that potatoes can bruise." Also, two administrators received a pie in the face. Mike Arlen (10) said "I liked it when Dr. James Mola (administrator) got creamed with a pie. I hope next year we can use shaving cream."

On Friday evening, students attended the annual parade prior to the game against LaPorte. Charlie Rollins (12) said, "The parade was exciting and it got the whole town involved." He also said, "The Homecoming game was exciting, but it was depressing that we lost."

-Dan McLain

in retrospect

What did you do to celebrate Spirit Week?

"Freshman year for Spirit Week I came in drag."
-Steve Scelfo <10>

"I used to dress up during Spirit Week at Taft, and I used to go to the Homecoming parade."
- Colleen Cash <9>

"Freshman year, I dressed up in the school colors for a few days."
-Rich Miller <11>

"To celebrate Spirit Week as a freshman, I brought a boom box with no batteries and my friends smashed it after school."
-Charlie Festa <11>

James Hardman

"I felt like I was finally accepted by the student body and the pie was very good," said Mr. James Hardman (Principal). Photo by Leslie Huelat

Steve Scelfo

"I felt like having some fun for Spirit Week. I wanted to be different. I was tired of looking like the average Joe. I felt a little out of place, but I had fun even though nothing really happened this year," said Scelfo (10). Photo by Rosie Dvojacks

The Super Fans

Mike Smith (12) said, "My senior year Homecoming was great. It was really exciting and I had a lot of fun. Enjoy it; you only get one senior year Homecoming." (With seniors Steve Jefferson, Scott Schueneman, Chad Momper, Chris Ross, and John Paris) Photo by Stephanie Black

Homecoming dance creates magic

Wandering through Oz

Lauren Hostinsky

"Going to the dance with Ryan was a lot of fun. Homecoming was the most memorable dance yet," said Hostinsky (11). Hostinsky and Ryan Pope (12) started dating at the beginning of her junior year. Photo by Dave Evans of Giolas

Jared Hays

"I had the best time dancing at the dance. It was a lot of fun being around all of my close friends and acting goofy," said Hays. (12). Photo by Dave Evans of Giolas

Dave Meyers

"It's always fun going to dances and acting stupid around my friends," said Meyers (12). Photo by Dave Evans

The shimmering towers and the life-sized, hot air balloon made couples feel they were entering the Land of Oz. The theme, "Somewhere over the Rainbow," provided a magical night for both couples and friends. The dance theme was based on Warner Brother's "Wizard of Oz." "I thought the theme and decorations were very creative and fun," said Allyson Carnahan (12). Nicole Nowaczyk (11) said, "I thought the dance was very well prepared. I liked Emerald City a lot. It set the mood for the entire evening."

Although the decorations were loved by most, the music was not. Tony Cohn (11) said, "I thought the D.J. could have played more slow songs for the couples." J.D. Schmucker (11) said, "I did not like the D.J.. He stopped too much, and there should have been more upbeat music."

The traditional crowning of Mr. Football took place at the dance. The nominees included seniors Jason Strong, John Sum, Ty Trusgnich, Tom Wicinski and Jeremy Williams. Williams, who received the crown, said, "It was a great honor to receive the award. I was very surprised."

After the dance, couples departed into the night. While some stayed around town, others headed for Chicago. Phil Poulton (12) said, "Our group of fifty had reservations at Giovanni's in Munster. Luckily, we all fit into the private banquet room." However, Maria Rosenbalm (12) said, "We had reservations at the White Rose Inn, but we got lost for two hours in Chicago."

After dinner, many went back to friend's houses. Chad Momper (12) said, "My friends and I set up tents and gathered outside. It was so cold, but we had a fire, blankets and other things to keep us warm." Others had similar experiences with the cold. Stefanie Jovanoski (9) said, "A bunch of my friends stayed at Aimee Cooper's (9) house. Her mom was a bus driver so some of my friends decided to sleep on her freezing bus." **-Stephanie Black**

in retrospect

When was your first boy/girl dance?

"My first boy/girl dance was the sixth grade Valentine's Day Dance at Winfield Elementary. I had a good time, but most of the time the boys were at one end and the girls were at another. That's really changed throught the years."

-Alex Webster <10>

"It was at this girl's house named Natasha. It was her birthday and I bought her a real rose that was dipped in gold. I asked her if she would dance with me and she did."

-Nick Sitaris <12>

"My first boy/girl dance was at Taft in Eighth grade. My friends and I had nothing else better to do, so we decided to see what it was like."

-Charlie Frasor <12>

Out of reach

Taking time out from dancing, Alina Oliver (12) reaches for her rainbow which held her and her dates name. The Booster Club made rainbows for each couple attending the dance. Photo by Dave Evans of Giolas

Just the Girls

Heather Burke (11) and Kelly Andrews (12) dance the night away. Burke, like many others, took a camera to capture the special moments at the dance. Photo by Dave Evans of Giolas

To the Beat

To enjoy the dance, Amber Volk (12), Lindsey Ciochina (11), Ty Trusgnich (12), and Kevin Knaga (alumni) dance together. Dancing and attending dances in a group was common. It made students feel more comfortable, especially if it was a first date situation. The four friends double dated to the dance. Photo by Dave Evans of Giolas

A Perfect Fit

After being awarded the honor of Mr. Football, Jeremy Williams (12) proudly adjusts his crown, while Homecoming Queen Heather Mann (12) gives him advice on just the correct angle. It was a tradition for the Homecoming queen to crown Mr. Football. Although, there was a considerable height difference between the two, Mann managed to get the crown on his head. Photo by Dave Evans of Giolas

New Fall Fashion

Following with fashion trends, Michael Hein (9) wears the Abercrombie logo. Abercrombie and Fitch was among the new stores added to the mall during fall renovations. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Fashion Divas

While viewing the '98-'99 yearbook, best friends Tiffany Klausing (10) and Jessica Deluca (11) sport their unique fashion sense. Klausing said, "Our fashion was our own ideas and we usually went to Chicago and bought our clothes together." Photo by R. Overbeeke

Turtle Trend

In the cafeteria displaying winter wear, Jaime Pierce (11) and Jamie Pierce (11) both wear turtleneck sweaters as they sit together at lunch. Manfred said, "I liked turtlenecks because they were comfortable, and they were trendy to wear." Photo by Leslie Huelat

Accesory Awareness

Watches, rings, earrings, and necklaces galore show off Charlie Rollins (12) and Brian Reid's (12) accessory expertise. Rollins said, "I got my rings from a stand in the mall, my watch from Chicago, and my necklace was made by a friend. I always had to wear a necklace because I felt naked without one." Photo by Leslie Huelat

Teens Display Style

Individual Expression

Brittany Andrews

"I used Manic Panic or Punky Color on my hair. I usually changed colors when it was time or when suggested," said Andrews (10). Photo by Leslie Huelat

Tony Cohn

Both girls and guys liked comfortable, roomy sweaters and swishy pants. "I usually shopped at Carsons or Ayres because they had lots to choose from. Money was not a problem, but I usually would not spend over $70 on a sweater or shirt," said Cohn (11). Photo by Leslie Huelat

Melissa Machowicz

Short and behind the ears was a popular hair style for the girls. "I would get my hair cut at Visions in Crown Point. I liked going there because it was not very expensive compared to other salons. My hair cuts usually cost around $25," said Machowicz (10). Photo by Leslie Huelat

Seeking individuality among the 1,843 students, many found their own unique ways of expressing themselves. With the chaos that high school life provided, students searched for ways to stand out among the crowds. Fashion served as one means of communicating originality, but it was not the only means. Fashion included everything from tattoos to dyed hair, and even tongue and eyebrow piercings.

With clothes, hair and makeup, individual style varied from individual to individual. Michelle Trent (12) said, "I had always been into my hair. I was very picky about it, but I also liked to try different looks." How students presented themselves was also a part of their self-expression. Robby Galouzis (12) said, "On a normal basis I usually wore khakis with a ribbed shirt, tucked in, and my brown belt. I felt more presentable when I looked nice and gained more respect, rather than dressing like a punk."

Body decorating, such as piercings and tattoos brought students the much desired attention they sought. Kia Byrd (12) said, "I had my lip pierced, nineteen holes in my ears, and a tattoo on my back. I also decided to cut my hair, dye it black, and spike it. I could be just myself with the way I dressed because no one looked like I did." Tongue and belly piercings were also popular among many students. Kim Podowski (11) said, "Last summer my friend Amanda Bernard (11) and I decided to get our belly buttons pierced in Florida. It caused problems with my grandma, but it was a friendship thing."

Student beliefs and values also provided a way for individuals to be heard among the crowds. Meghan Robbins (9) said, "I respected the opinions and morals of my parents, but I also started to question things like religion. I felt that at the root of most everyone's self-expression was conformism. I respected those with crazy style, but I also thought that even they wanted to fit in with their friends."

Some students used their individual talents as a means of expression. Andy Fernandez (9) said, "I liked to write to express myself. I felt that it was only through creative means that we could fully express our individual thoughts." **-Leslie Huelat**

in retrospect

What was one of the worst fashion statements you ever made while in grade school?

"My mom made me wear stirrup pants with flowers all over and a flower head band to match."
- Beth Anderson <11>

"In seventh grade I woke up in a hurry and forgot to change my shirt, which was purple with the Ninja Turtles on it."
- Jason Roberts <11>

"My favorite outfit was a jogging suit, and I also wore a white fur coat which my mom made me wear."
- Courtney Svihra <11>

Week Filled with Informative Fun

Red Ribbon Extravaganza

As Red Ribbon Week kicked off, students were surprised to find that it was actually educational and enjoyable. Throughout the week many events took place. Some included the October Fest during lunch on Wednesday, the signing of the Columbine and Anti-Violence pledges, a wrecked car in front of the school from a drunk-driving accident, and a coffin where students could read a poem about the death of a teen. Tony Cohn (11) said, "I liked the October Fest because it was something new. I also thought trying on the "drunk goggles" was cool because I passed the line test easily."

Ms. Kim Knott (assistant principal) was involved with much of the planning along with a group of students and parents. She said, "I thought the week went well because we had good student and parent involvement. I would've liked to expand from only talking about drugs and alcohol to include date rape, and also revisit the actual purpose of the week."

Many events of the week involved not only the students and administrators, but also members of the community. Many parents helped out with games during the October Fest and the seat belt check after school. Mayor James Metros and Chief of Operations Mr. Tom Dabertin also pitched in. Officer Milan Damjanovic and Mr. Dabertin competed in an apple bobbing contest, which Officer Damjanovic won.

The week was not only fun filled, but it got the point across about drugs and alcohol. Amber Volk (12) said, "The coffin in the cafeteria was a reality check for me. I realized that nobody is invincible." Brian Butler (11) also agreed. "I hated the coffin because it reminded me of a funeral."

The week came to an end with the students a little more relaxed, and more informed. Ms. Knott added, "Drugs and alcohol are a big concern in our school and all schools, and I would like to see year-round awareness instead of just one week." -

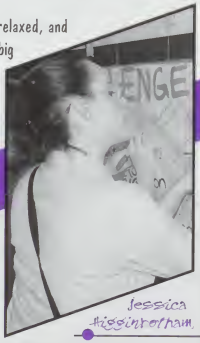
Leslie Huelat

Eric Frahm

"I saw the Army truck on Friday when they took us down during my study hall. Joining the Army was definitely a possibility for me," said Frahm (11). Photo by Melissa Mariola

Alice Zieseniss

"The apple bobbing contest was fun, but embarrasing, because my hair got all wet. I did get a free Subway though," said Zieseniss (9). Photo by Mary Beth Miller



Jessica Higginbotham

"I signed the pledges because I did not want the violence that happened at Columbine and other schools to happen here," said Higginbotham (11). Photo by Mary Beth Miller

in retrospect

How did Previous Red Ribbon Weeks compare to this one?

"All other Red Ribbon Weeks didn't make me think about problems of the world like this one did. It really had an impact on me."

April Henderlong <12>

"Compared to grade school, this Red Ribbon Week was the best, though I'm only a freshman."

Kathleen Fredericks <9>

"None of the other Red Ribbon Weeks got the students so involved as this one did. I had a lot of fun during the week."

Michelle Trent <12>

Bobbing for Apples

Pulling the apple from his mouth after taking a bite, Aeron Wirtz (12) participates in the bobbing contest during the Octoberfest. Students also tried out a pair of goggles that simulated being under the influence of alcohol and the loss of motor skills. The Crown Point Police Department hoped the activity would make students realize that if walking a straight line was this difficult while using alcohol, then driving a car would definitely be a dangerous endeavor. Photo by Brad Kowert

Dripping Wet

With a face full of water, student Mike Smith (12) snatches an apple during the apple bobbing contest. The contest was held in the cafeteria on Wednesday, during the week-long October Fest. In addition, students participated in relay races, Q&A contests, the signing of Columbine and Antiviolence pledges, and listened to a live polka band. Assistant Principal Kim Knott organized many of the events. Photo by Mary Beth Miller

In the Hoop of Things

As fast as she can, Melissa Kallay (11) tries to get a hula hoop to the ground so she can pass it to her next teammate. Relay races were one of the many activities offered during lunch time. Red Ribbon Week and Octoberfest were a combined event. Photo by Mary Beth Miller

Loop's Loop

Principal James Hardman and Officer Milan Damjanovic lead their teams through the hula hoop race during the Red Ribbon Week festivities. Officer Damjanovic served as the head of school security as well as a Crown Point police officer. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Rollin' in the Snow

While playing in the snow, Brady Link (12) wrestles with "Caesar," Rob Galouzis's (12) dog. Galouzis bought the dog two years ago and really spoiled it according to friend Kelly Keiser (12). Photo by Stephanie Black

Time with Friends

Jared Hays (12) and Mike Smith (12) laugh at a video together during winter break. The two were at Smith's house watching the video *Big Daddy* on the televison. Smock's house was a popular hang out for many seniors and their friends on weekends. Photo by Melissa Mariola

Pick it up!

To kill time, Mike Mulder (12) and Carly Link (10) play Euchre together at Aaron Smock's house. " We never wanted it to end," said Mulder. Photo by Stephanie Black

Taking it Easy

To enjoy some free time, Allison Bishop (10) relaxes at Colleen Genetos's (10) house. The two were inseparable during winter break. Photo by Nicole Nowaczyk

'Tis the Season For Fun

Winter Break Action

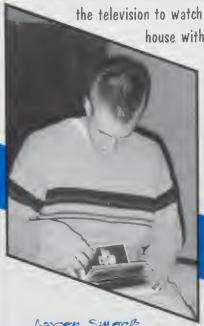
At 2:25 pm, the Friday before winter break, students rushed to the doors excited about the two weeks of freedom from school, teachers, and homework. Winter break was a time for many to relax with friends, take a vacation, or work to pay for expensive Christmas presents.

"I went to Tampa, Florida to perform with colorguard at the Outback Bowl, afterward I went to Disney World," said Alea Hooks (11). On New Year's day, the members of colorguard and band performed during halftime at a college football game. However, some students stayed around town with friends and family. "I had a lot of fun just hanging out with my friends. We would go to the mall, movies, or to a friend's house," said Sheena Sum (9).

Shopping played a major role during Winter Break. Procrastination was a key part of the holiday season. "I waited until the last minute to do my Christmas shopping. The lines were unbelievably long," said Lindsy Fritz (12). However, some started their shopping in early December. "I began my shopping early to avoid the crowds, but the malls were still packed," said Katie Zelms (12).

To pay for those high-priced shopping trips, a number of students chose to work long hours. "Almost everyday I had to work eight to ten hours. It was not that bad. I made a lot of money," said Scott Schueneman (12). "I worked about 20 hours a week at two different jobs during break. It was not very fun," said Joe Catlow (12).

The break ended with several New Year's celebration's. Groups of friends gathered around the television to watch the new millennium ring in. "I went over to a friend's house with a bunch of people and we all counted down to the new year with one minute left," said Alex Webster (10). "My friends and I celebrated New Years together at Aaron Smock's house," said Kelly Klavas (11). -**Stephanie Black**



Aaron Smock

"My friends and I had a lot of fun during break. My advice to all underclassmen was to have as much fun while you still have your youth," said Aaron Smock (12). Photo by Stephanie Black

Brooke Graczyk

"I went to the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Florida with Royal Regiment. It was a lot of fun because we won Grand Champions and also went to Busch Gardens," said Brooke Graczyk (11). Photo by Julia Hamilton

Rob Galouzis

"Winter Break was a good time to hang out with my friends and enjoy the time away from school," said Rob Galouzis (12). Photo by Stephanie Black

in retrospect

Which New Year's Eve was the best of all?

"During my junior year. I was at Aaron Popp's house with all my friends. We all had a lot of fun partying together."

Brad Pelton <11>

"My favorite New Year's was during my sophomore year. Friends from almost every group hung out together. It was definitely the most fun ever."

Katelin Klepsch <10>

"My favorite New Year's was when Kristen Ross fell though my ceiling and blamed it on my dog. We banged pots and pans outside and had snowball fights with my neighbors and friends."

Amber Visak <11>

Friends pal around

Developing relationships

Bethany Homrich

"Candace and I have been pals since Taft. During the pep rally, we sat and stared at all the hot guys said Homrich (11)." (with Candace Miller, 11and Kelly Klavas, 11) Photo by Leslie Huelat

Randi Welch

"I think friendship is when you know everything about someone, confide in them, and they are always there for you no matter what," said Welch (10) (with Ashley Mann, 10) Photo by Sandy Veljanoski

Chris Ross

"Friends were the best part about high school. They are always there for you in twisted situations," said Ross (12) (with Mark Bohling, 12) Photo by S. Black

No matter how hard they tried, students could not avoid relationships. Relationships developed in all areas of school life. Students dated, made and lost friends, and had to deal on a day-to-day basis with numerous adults. For some, relationships were the best part of school. For others, they were the worst.

Dating played an interesting role in student lives. Some chose to have a steady boyfriend or girlfriend. "I preferred to date one girl at a time. Dating around got too confusing. You never knew if you were together or not," said Rick Oliver (10). However, some liked to keep their options open. "I liked to date around. Dating just one person got too serious and sometimes there was too much fighting," said Kelli Hein (11). After a long week of classes, dating gave students something to look forward to.

To many, friendships created the most important kind of relationship. "Good friends were the people you could always trust and who were there when you needed them," said Lauren Hagberg (10). Friends also helped with stress. "My friends were the best part of coming to school. The weekends were pretty cool too," said Matt Magurean (12). Getting together at a friend's house was very common among students. "On the weekends, about twenty of us would go to Chad Momper's (12) house to hang out, just doing what kids did," said Zarko Stefanoski (12).

Getting to know a certain teacher or coach, proved rewarding for some and disastrous for others. "After going to Atlanta and Franklin with a teacher, I got to know her better and realized she could be fun," said Kristin Frank (10). "One of my teachers accused me of cheating in front of the whole class, and then took me outside and said he didn't really mean it. I'll never understand what that was all about," said Mary Balmes (11) **-Stephanie Black**

in retrospect

WHEN DID YOU HAVE YOUR FIRST BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND?

"IN SIXTH GRADE. WE WENT OUT FOR LIKE THREE MONTHS. IT WAS SO CUTE. WE HELD HANDS."

ASHLEY KASTER <11>

"I WOULD CONSIDER MY FIRST REAL BOYFRIEND TO BE ANDY STEWART <12> MY FRESHMAN YEAR. WE WERE TOGETHER FOR FIFTEEN AWESOME MONTHS. IT WAS A BLAST! UP TO MY JUNIOR YEAR WE WERE STILL GOOD FRIENDS."

CANDACE MILLER <11>

"MY FIRST GIRLFRIEND WAS IN FIFTH GRADE. IT LASTLED ONLY THREE WEEKS. THEN I BROKE UP WITH HER FOR HER FRIEND."

JOHN SUM <12>

Together at Last

Side by side, Dave Davison (10) and Danielle Dravet (9) spend time together during their alloted 25 minutes. Lunch was a common time for couples to talk. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Arm in Arm

Chuck Barman (12) hugs girlfriend Kristen Grompone (11) during lunch. Barman and Grompone began dating at the beginning of the school year. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Lending a Hand

To be a friend, Jen Tortolano (12) helps Shelley Patterson (12) study for her government test. The two have been friends since junior high. Photo by Melissa Mariola

Nice and Cozy

During the trip home from Medieval Times, Nate Williams (12) and Jenn Wisor (12) catch up on their sleep. The couple started dating their sophomore year. Photo by R. Overbeeke

Savor The Moment

Taking time to enjoy the moment, Kelli Morgan (11) and Pat Cornett (12), slow dance together. Morgan and Cornett had been to six dances together previously. Morgan said, "Pat and I had been dating since my freshman year. It made me sad to think that this was our last Turnabout together." Photo by John Bir

Chat Session

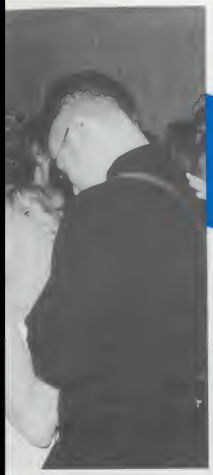
Taking a rest from dancing, Kim Fangras (11), Mike Long (11), and Adam Eich (11) relax together. Long said, "My friends and I danced a lot. That's what made it fun." Photo by John B

Add A Little Twist

Twisting the night away, Emily Tromp (10) and Drew Laumeyer (Lowell, 11), find a clear spot to twist on the dance floor. Tromp said, "I had a great time at the dance. In the past I've always had to rush to get to the dance and even do my own hair and makeup because of marching band competitions. This dance was better because I had time to relax and did not have to rush to get ready." Photo by John Bir

Ready To Dance

Standing next to the golden pyramid under the twinkling desert sky, Aaron Kennedy (11) and Jessica Ohlenkamp (11) slow dance and share a private moment together to Mariah Carey's "Always Be My Baby." "I felt happy because they were playing our song." Photo by John Bir



Charlie Festa

"I liked Turnabout because I had fun joking around with my friends," said Charlie Festa (11). Photo by John Bir

Veronica Dominguez

"I thought that the backgrounds for pictures were okay, but my only complaint was that they seemed to clash with some of the dresses," said Veronica Dominguez (10) with Greg Quiros (Hebron, 12). Photo by John Bir

Amber Volk

"Turnabout was mine and Kevin's seventh dance together. It was really special to me that Kevin was able to come back to go with me, but what made it really great was that my date looked bomb-digity," said Amber Volk (12) with Kevin Knaga (alumni). Photo by John Bir

Turnabout the Dance

Rain on the Sahara?

Girls found a guy to go with, bought a dress, had their hair and nails done, and arranged for transportation. The event...Turnabout. However, there was one unexpected turn of events. The weather. Heavy rain, cold temperatures and wind threatened to ruin those new hairstyles and dampen the mood. "I put extra hair spray on and hoped it would hold," said Tom Scott (12). "But my jacket got wet and I froze all night."

Despite the chill in the air, once students entered the dance hall, they were transported to another place. The hall, filled with Egyptian decorations, brought the theme 'Sunset on the Sahara' to life . "I thought the theme was neat. It was different from the clouds and castles that we usually had," said Andrea Jacobs (11). The D.J. filled the night with tunes that ranged from 70's disco to the contemporary 90's Latin music. Nate Williams (12) said, "The music for the most part was good, but all D.J.'s had their bad moments." Sean Cole (11) said, "The toilet paper pyramids were great, but we could have used more dance floor. Also, there needed to be more photographers. Waiting in line for pictures took up most of my time there."

Students made plans for after the dance, but some ended up in unexpected places. Maggie Fleming (11) said, "We went to eat at Jolly Gingers with a huge group. The food was so bad there that about six of us left and went to eat at Applebee's. I had more fun there because when we walked in everybody was looking at us in our formal dresses." After dinner many decided to stay with a group at a friends house. Nick Paulavski (11) said, "At Brian and Kelly Andrews' (12) house, Kelly accidently set their satellite TV. to make coffee! She had no idea how to fix it, so we could not watch TV. until it turned off at five o'clock in the morning."

From turning about the dance floor during the night to hanging out with friends afterwards, Turnabout provided a night of memories. **-Leslie Huelat**

in retrospect

Did you ever get an unexpected response when asking someone out on a first date?

"I asked a friend to go to a dance with me and he said he already had plans, but made it up to me by going to another dance."

Andrea Jacobs <11>

"When I asked someone out and got a bad response I ended up turning all red from embarrassment."

Kevin Nolan <12>

"I don't think I've ever really chanced asking anyone out because I didn't want to get turned down."

Lindsey Nashkoff <11>

Diet, Exercise Add Pressure

Feast or Famine

Chips or pretzels, chocolate ice cream or lowfat yogurt, Vanilla Frappuccino or Lipton iced tea. With such a variety of foods to choose from, students had to decide whether to satisfy the taste buds or follow the healthy route. In addition, they had to decide if exercise needed to be a part of the equation.

Some found it hard to resist the temptation of sweets. Troy Bush (9) said, "I pretty much ate healthy, but many times I could not resist eating foods that were bad for me." Others, however, stood firmly against unhealthy temptations and ate foods that were good for them. Nick Wirtz (11) said, "I ate healthy foods all the time because they gave me energy to get through the day."

Part of students' daily diet could be food found in the school cafeteria. The school provided both breakfast and lunch to students. Stefanie Jovanoski (9) said, "The lunch line I chose depended on what kind of mood I was in, but they usually offered a wide selection of foods."

Outside of school, students could have either enjoyed a leisurely restaurant or a fast food place. Emilie Etter (12) said, "When my friends and I would go out to dinner, we would usually go to Olive Garden because it had a nice atmosphere and good food."

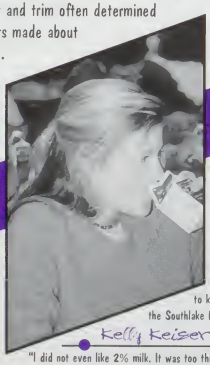
Many students also found it important to keep healthy by working out. Christina Douglas (12) said, "My sister Sarah Douglas (12) and I worked out at Gold's Gym and at home. We usually worked out for softball and basketball so that we could build extra muscle." Fitness classes were also offered to students. Greg Spadoni (12) said, "Taking BST and working out on my own helped me to stay in shape for playing hockey."

With role models like the very thin Ally McBeal and the perfectly formed models displayed in magazines, the pressure to stay fit and trim often determined the choices students made about eating and exercise.

-Leslie Huelat

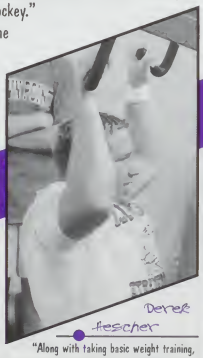
Pamela Partak

"I usually went to the deli lunch line because I could not stand eating greasy foods that the Mexican, pizza, and regular lines had to offer," said Pamela Partak (11). Photo by Leslie Huelat



Kelly Keiser

"I did not even like 2% milk. It was too thick for me. If there was no skim milk, I would drink 2% rather than having nothing at all," said Kelly Keiser (12). Photo by Leslie Huelat



Derek Hescher

"Along with taking basic weight training, to keep fit I ran and worked out at the YMCA and the Southlake Nautilus," said Derek Hescher (12) Photo by John Bir

in retrospect

What was something totally disgusting that you used to eat, but cannot stand now?

"I used to eat lemons when I was little, but after I was older I thought they were disgusting."

Jarrod Fodemski <10>

"I was a weird kid because I used to eat mozzarella and tomato grilled cheese sandwiches for lunch everyday."

Amanda Sprehe <11>

"I used to eat peanut butter and banana's on toast when I was little. What's weird was that I grew up to hate bananas."

Laura Kunst <12>

Fries or Fruit?

With money in hand, Konstantine Aliferakis (9), Ryan Smith (12), and Rachel Bickel (12) wait in line to pick up their lunch. Bickel said, "I usually ate the pizza because it was usually the only thing that was good." An addition to the food selection in the school cafeteria included Pizza Hut pizza. Out of 100 students surveyed by the yearbook staff, 53 preferred Pizza Hut while 47 preferred Dominos Pizza. Photo by John Bir

Did Somebody Say...

At Karie Larsen's house, sophomores Colleen Genetos, Lauren Hagberg, Amy Enslen, Karie Larsen, and Ashley Mann take a McDonald's break while building the sophomore float prior to Homecoming. Enslen said, "My favorite food at McDonald's was the cheeseburger, but my favorite fast food restaurant was Wendy's." Students reported in a yearbook poll that their favorite fast food restaurant was Subway and their second favorite was Wendy's. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Bagel Gourmet

Waiting for a friend, seniors Josh Rivera (12), Tom Wicinski (12), and Scott Schueneman (12) look for a table. The three chose the regular lunch line which offered the most food for only $1.85. Rivera dressed like a baby for Character Day. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Working It

In Basic Strength Training class, Justin Jacob (12), used the lateral raise machine in the weight room. Jacob used the lateral raise to work his shoulders and pecks and to build muscles. Photo by John Bir

Taking him.

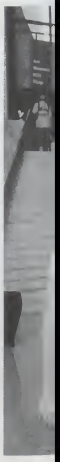
Experimenting with a flight simulator, Dave Davison (10) imagines being a pilot. The Army sponsored a Red Ribbon Week program called Army Adventure that allowed students to talk to army officers about their possible futures in the United States Armed Forces. Photo by Melissa Mariola

Application Process

Stopping in the guidance office between classes, Steve Lukas (12) turns in his college application. Most seniors, as well as underclassmen, spent a lot of time with their counselors discussing the best possible routes to accomplish their goals for the future. Students applied to several colleges, hoping they would be accepted to the one of their choice, but having a back up as well. Guidance counselors provided students access to information about colleges, scholarships, financial aid, and career options. Photo by Ashley Mann

Surfing the Net

During his study hall, Joe Catlow (12) utilizes the library's computers. The guidance department had a new web site designed to make the scholarship search easier. Photo by Ashley Mann



College Visits

While visiting Indiana University, seniors Emilie Etter and Megan Makarek stop to smile for the camera. College visits were a significant part of deciding where to go to school. Photo by Mrs. Susie Etter

Students contemplate future

in retrospect

What did you want to be when you were little?

"I was really interested in being a vet, but I'm allergic to most animals."

Sean O'Drobinak (9)

"I dreamed of becoming a traveling teacher. I thought I could take my class all over the United States."

Amanda Nelson (12)

"I wanted to be a homicide detective when I was a little kid."

Ashley Plumley (10)

"When I was in elementary school I really wanted to be a [illegible]logist."

[illegible] Link (11)

Taking a Look Ahead

Whether going to college, joining the military, or working after high school, every student had decisions to make about his or her future. Many students chose to go to a four year college or university, some planned on a career in the armed forces, while others decided to go into the work force right after graduation. Sixty to sixty-five percent of the student body applied to universities. Ten percent of students applied to two-year or vocational study programs.

Even after making the decision to go to college, students had to decide what they wanted to study and where they wanted to go. "I was going to Purdue University to be in the School of Management, but when I was younger I wanted to be a marine biologist or a teacher," said Alina Oliver (12). Many students based their future plans on extracurricular activities and interests. "I planned to go to a four year college and study sports management or medicine. I was always involved with sports, and it was really fun," said Alex Webster (10).

Joining the armed forces allowed students to travel and experience life away from home. "I joined the army. I was stationed in Hawaii as part of the infantry. I always wanted to travel the world, but in the service I get paid to do it," said Brian Stiak (12).

Another possibility was to establish a career right after graduation. "I planned to work, because I could make really good money straight out of high school with no further training," said Rich Leigh (12).

No matter what paths they chose, the students had their own plans for success and hoped that the decisions they made were the right ones. **-Kim Lambka**

Bre Schelaberg

"I planned to go to Purdue West Lafayette to get my degree in nursing," said Bre Schelaberg (12). Photo by Kim Lambka

Dan Knaga

"I took college preparation classes such as American Lit. and Advanced Algebra, because colleges looked for courses like these when they accepted students," said Dan Knaga (11). Photo by Kim Lambka

Brittany Brumbaugh

"I intended to major in music. I believed I had always been drawn to a career in music. It was my calling, and I couldn't imagine doing anything else with my life," said Brittany Brumbaugh (12). Photo by Kim Lambka

Time Moves Quickly

Daily Chaotic Routines

Dave Meyers

"Throughout the fall, I was involved in tennis, which occupied most of my time. During the winter, I had basketball practice after school and games almost every weekend. When I was not involved in basketball or tennis, I liked to go to my friends' houses and hang out. I also liked to have friends come over to my house to play pool and cards," said Dave Meyers (12). Photo by Farren Roark

Aaron Popp

"On weekends, I liked to go to parties with a group of friends. I slept in late every Saturday morning because I tended to stay out too late on Friday nights. Plus, I needed to rest for an exciting Saturday night," said Aaron Popp (11). (with Katie Bieker, 11). Photo by Christs Angelov

Allison Bishop

"I normally got up extremely late on school mornings, so I had to try to get ready at school before my first hour class," said Allison Bishop (10). (with Shannon Morfin 10). Photo by Farren Roark

The buzzing of an annoying alarm clock announced that it was time to wake up, and waste time (that could have been spent catching a few extra winks) preparing for another rigorous day of school. After seven hours in classrooms, the average day for most teenagers was just beginning since many spent their time out of school working at after school jobs, doing homework, completing chores, or participating in extracurricular activities.

For some, their morning ritual only took fifteen minutes which meant not only extra sleep, but the possibility of being late to school. Natalie Nix (11) said, "I did not do much in the morning. I usually got up around 6:50 a.m." Others took up to an hour and a half to prepare themselves for the school day.

Unfortunately, the school day did not end when the bell rang. Students went home and spent from a few minutes to several hours, depending on their class schedule, on homework and projects for school. Allison Isailovich (9) said, "I did almost all of my homework in study hall, but I probably spent about an hour at the least doing my English homework at home."

Everyone had homework. It was a necessary evil. Not everyone, however, had the opportunity to go home right away to do it. Troy Bush (9) said, "Monday through Saturday, I am involved in wrestling, football, or baseball practice from around three to five." Leslie DeYoung (12) said, "I work at the Family Christian store and I work about five hours a day."

When the well deserved weekend approached, students anticipated spending time with their friends and relaxing. Mike Barringer (10) said, "On weekends my friend Matt Pasyk (10) and I went to other friends' houses to play pool, watch movies, and do other things." For most, the weekend started too late, and ended too soon.

At the end of this long and tedious week, students dreaded rising early Monday morning for another exhausting week. **-Wendy Splitgerber**

in retrospect

What was your most embarrassing school related moment?

"I spilled pop all over my pants, and it looked like I peed my pants."
Lauren Tokar <9>

"During my sophomore year, the gymnastics team was late to a meet, so I was running down the stairs with a bag of clothes and a large Sprite. I tripped and fell down the stairs, spilling pop all over me as everyone watched and laughed."
April Henderlong <12>

"During my junior year, I was walking to my car and I slipped and fell in the snow. Everyone in the parking lot was laughing at me."
Adam Link <11>

Making a Pit Stop

While opening his locker, Steve Jefferson (12) tries to make it to class on time. With only five minute passing periods, students found it difficult to stop at their lockers during the day without being counted tardy for the following class. Photo by Alison Ruess

Hardly Working?

Ashley Kaster (11) happily assists a customer while working in the bookstore. Many students chose to work in the attendance office, bookstore, or guidance office instead of taking a class or study hall. Photo by Farren Roark

Lunch Time

Laughing with each other, friends Sheena Sum (9) and Rachel Nelson (9) enjoy their only break in the day together. Although lunch was a time to relax and talk, the various lunch periods made it difficult to have the same scheduled lunch period as one's friends. Five lunch periods were required to accomodate the student body in the small cafeteria. First lunch began at 10:10 a.m and last lunch at 12:05. Photo by Alison Ruess

Open Arms

Preparing for the spring musical *Anything Goes*, Aaron Wirtz (12), Sara Flores (12) and Paul Fleming (11) practice a lift for one of the dance numbers. The cast and crew began working on the production right after Christmas vacation and continued through opening night on March 16. Students spent numerous hours after school and on weekends to prepare. Photo by Trey Williams

Para-trail

Getting ready to land, Kathleen Lambert (12) and Brian Reid (12), set foot on the boat. Lambert said, "I was freaked out because they dipped us into the water." Photo by Brad Kowert

Park It

While visiting Colorado National Park, Chuck Barman (12) and his friend Kristen Grompone (11), take a break from their hike. While vacationing, the couple also visited Mesa Verde park on their week long stay. photo submitted by Kristen Grompone

Party Hopin'

While staying in Cancun, Mexico, Michelle Trent (12), Alina Oliver (12) and Rachael Schaafsma (12) pet the frogs outside of a restaurant/club called Señor Frogs. The three girls stayed at the Oasis Hotel and spent their time on the beach during the day and mostly going to clubs at night. Oliver said, "While we were at Señor Frogs, Michelle decided to get up on stage and dance to a song." Photo submitted by Rachael Schaafsma

Fetching The Food

Waiting patiently, Jeremy McGoldrick (12) lets a bird eat bread crumbs right out of the palm of his hand. McGoldrick said, "I just kept throwing more and more bread onto the ledge and finally the birds trusted me enough to fly up and eat out of my hand." McGoldrick, along with Mickey Thompson (12) Brady Link (12) and Matt Phillips (12) stayed in Clearwater, Florida over Spring Break. Photo submitted by Jeremy McGoldrick

Laura Nowak

"While in Newport Beach, CA, I saw this guy who let me hold his exotic bird," said Laura Nowak (12). Photo submitted. by Laura Nowak

April Henderlong

"Going to Disney World was the best week of my life. I will never forget the times we had together and the fries we had at the House of Blues," said April Henderlong (12) with Tony Flores (12). Photo submitted by April Henderlong

Emilie Etter

"I had a great time in Daytona Beach, Florida, just laying out and hanging out with my best friend, Megan Makarek (12). We also spent time walking the pier and scoping the scene for fellow tourists," said Emilie Etter (12) with Steve Etter (9). Photo submitted by Megan Makarek

Spring Break Eases Stress

Letting off some steam

Students, parents, and teachers waited in anticipation for March 24 to roll around. Some chose to go on a cruise, others to Cancun. Some decided to just stay at home and hang out with friends. Whatever they did, students felt a little less stress by having a short break from school.

Although February brought some 70 degree temperatures to Northwest Indiana, those with the means couldn't wait to find hot sun, warm beaches, or interesting diversions. Heidi Wolf (10) said, "I went to Ft. Meyers and Bonita Beach, Florida. My friend Dania Koedyker (10) and I spent most of our time laying out on the beach and meeting up with friends at night." Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean proved to be a hot spot. "My family and I have been going to the Caymen Islands for eleven years. I loved scuba diving because there are many spectacular things to see underwater, " said Jessica Koscielniak (9). Experiencing different cultures was the idea for students who signed on for the school trip to London, England. Danielle Peregrine (12) said, "London was a great experience, but it was nothing I had expected. I never thought that I'd have to pay to use the bathroom!"

Not everyone traveled over break. Although staying home didn't seem as exciting as vacationing, those home-bound students found a way to enjoy their free time. "I had a great time at home with my friends. We went skating, and to a Mustard Plug concert where we went body surfing and got crazy in a mosh pit," said James Jared (9). Many who stayed home took short trips. Andrea Tournis (12) said, "I went to Indiana University for three days and visited some friends and my brother. It was memorable because I was with friends I do not see very often."

Whether seeing new places, enjoying unique experiences, or spending time with family and friends, the break did exactly what it was supposed to do...provide a little relief from the stresses of school life. **-Leslie Huelat**

in retrospect

What was your favorite spring break memory?

"My freshman year I went to Virginia to go white water rafting. The rapids got a little rough and my friend Dania Doedyker <10> and I fell out and had to walk back through the mountains."

Heidi Wolf <10>

"I went on a cruise in the Caribbean my freshman year with my brother and mom. The best memory was walking through a rain forest and seeing a natural spring under a waterfall."

Bob Critser <11>

Dreams determine future path

Dedicated Dreamers

Whether earning above average grades, excelling in an extracurricular activity, perfecting a skill in the technological field, or gaining practical experience at a job site, students searched for the right path that would lead to their dreams of the future.

Maintaining a high grade point average created one kind of path. For those students who hoped to be accepted to the college of their choice, it was the only path. Amber Volk (12) said, "My goals academically in high school were to achieve straight A's, except in Pre-Cal which was definitely my down fall in school. I planned to attend Ball State University , but I had no idea what I wanted to major in." Rob Galouzis (12) also worked hard on his grades so he could go to college. He said, "I planned on attending a four-year university and becoming a business owner."

Although Alex Webster (10) hoped to attend a university that would appreciate her athletic abilities, she still considered academic performance an important aspect of reaching her dream. She said, "I tried to keep my G.P.A. above a 3.9. I was usually pretty upset when I got B's for my semester average." Webster hoped to someday play professional basketball.

Ashley Bush (11) trusted that her extracurricular activities would prepare her for the future. She said, "I was involved in choir, show choir, theater, and ballet. I planned to go to a four-year college, and although I wasn't sure what I wanted to study, I was thinking about broadcasting."

Not all students wanted to attend college right after high school. Some planned to become protectors of their nation. Brian Stiak (12) and Don Rush (12) enlisted in the United States Army even before the school year ended.

Hopes, dreams, and aspirations led students down a particular path. However, what the future actually held for each one was yet to be determined. **-Wendy Splitgerber**

Ashley Bush

"I was not planning on majoring in theater, but I was definitely going to keep studying voice and dance. I was planning on being in my college choir and theater program," said Ashley Bush (11). Photo by Kim Lambka

Amanda Ritter

"I took child development because I love working with children, and someday, I hoped to be an elementary school teacher," said Amanda Ritter (11). Photo by Ashley Mann

Troy Bush

"Every athlete's dream is to pursue a sport they are involved in, but I knew I would probably have to decide on something else," said Troy Bush (9). Photo by John Bir

in retrospect

What did you dream of being when you were a child?

"I always wanted to be a character on the Bozo show."
Nicole Nowaczyk <11>

"I wanted to be an architect."
Marc Balcitis <9>

"I always wanted to be a famous singer."
Ellen Sistovaris <10>

"When I was little, I always wanted to be a secret agent."
Ashley Amodeo <9>

"I planned on playing baseball or basketball."
Eric Mickey <12>

Practicing during drama class, Amber Volk (12) and Karie Larsen (10) put themselves into a role for a skit. Drama class not only gave students a chance to express themselves, but many found it to be a fun and interesting course to take. Drama class also provided a chance for aspiring actors and actresses to practice their chosen profession.
Photo by Wendy Spitzerber

In preparation for the spring musical, Emily Schramm (11), Lindsey Ciochina (11), Anna Jessen (11), and Jamie Pierce (11) sing "Heaven Hop" in the choir room after school. Emily hoped to pursue music as a major in college and Lindsey, who played Bonnie in the musical, was considering the study of music, drama, or another area in the performing arts. Lindsey's mother Mrs. Debbie Ciochina (English) helped direct the show. Photo by Trey Williams

While taking a measurement, Dave Doffin (12) works to complete a tool project in Machine Shop. An average of seven percent of the student body attended a technical training program after graduation. Photo by Ashley Mann

Sue Ellen Rodriquez (12) prepares for the filming of CPHS Showtime which aired on Tuesdays. Rodriquez said, "I was considering a career in broadcast journalism, but wasn't sure." Photo by Julia Hamilton

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Just before leaving the dance, Erin Plumley (12) and Allyson Carnahan (12) discuss their post-prom plans. Both Carnahan and Plumley headed to the Cheesecake Factory in Chicago, but each with a different group of friends. Carnahan said, "After we ate at the Cheesecake Factory we then took a carriage ride around the city. It was a blast." Going to Chicago was a common after-prom activity. Photo by John Bir

The Royal Court

Blythe Hamilton and Mike Mathias are named queen and king at the Coronation held in the gymnasium prior to the prom. The nominees included Audrey Metros, Kathleen Lambert, Blythe Hamilton, Leslie Huelat, Sara Flores, Jeremy McGoldrick, Ty Trusgnich, Mike Mathias, John Sum, and Isaiah Sumner. During the coronation, each couple paraded across the gym floor as parents watched from the stands. Photographs of couples and groups were also taken during this time. Photo by John Bir

Quick Flash

While taking a break from dancing, Maria Rosenbalm (12) and Adam Osburn (12) snap a quick picture of themselves. Rosenbalm said, "I ended up taking three rolls of film during the whole night." Photo by John Bir

Arriving By Luxury

Just arriving to the dance, Sarah Archer (11) is escorted by her date, Eddie Larson (alumni). Archer said, "We decided not to go in a large group and we had a great time together." Photo by John Bir

Emotions Run Bittersweet

Living it up at Prom

Most could not wait. They had been preparing for the prom for months and planned on having the time of their lives. Prom weekend started off on May 6 as the students gathered in the high school gymnasium for the Grand March and Coronation. They then headed to St. Elijah Hall where they danced from 7 to 11p.m. After the dance most groups went to Chicago, while others either stayed in town or took a shorter trip to dine in Merrillville. Finishing off the festivities on Sunday, many students went to Great America and with the temperatures in the high 60's, others even went to the beach.

Shortly after the crowning of Blythe Hamilton as the prom queen and Mike Mathias as prom king, the students headed to the dance. Danny Myers (11) said, "I really liked that we ate dinner at the prom. That was something cool that we did not have at other dances." In the hall, balloons created the atmosphere for the "I Will Remember You" theme. Ashley Bush (11) said, "I thought the decorations were awesome. It was such a relief once we got there and everything went smoothly."

Although the prom provided a fitting end to the school year, it created many bittersweet memories. Brian Reid (12) said, "What made the prom stand out was that it was my senior year and the last time we would be able to dress up and go to a dance together. Knowing that, we had the time of our lives going to Second City Comedy Club in Chicago and then going to Great America the next day." Summing it up Amber Walters (11) said, "Everything turned out really nice that evening. Prom ended up being so much more special than all other dances I had gone to." -**Leslie Huelat**

in retrospect

What made prom stand out from other dances that you had been to?

"I liked that the dance floor seemed to be less crowded than it did at my junior prom."
Breanne Scheldberg <12>

"I thought that the D.J. was so much better than at Turnabout and the picture lines moved much more smoothly."
Ashley Bush <11>

"Eating at prom was not all that great because it took up the dancing time, and we still ended up eating after the dance."
Kari Durachta <10>

Amy Unwin

"I wanted prom to last and last for a very long time; however, it ended up going by really fast. I just was not ready for it all to end," said Amy Unwin (12). Photo by John Bir

Debbie Modrowski

"I was so upset because it was our last high school dance together. I cried about it when I got home, but I never told him (her date) because I didn't want to make him feel bad too," said Debbie Modrowski (12) with Bryce Segert (11). Photo by John Bir

Kira Whitlock

"I didn't think that the food served at the dance was very good, but I loved the punch. After the prom we went to Second City in Chicago, a comedy club, in a limousine. I had a very nice time at the prom and afterwards," said Kira Whitlock (11). Photo by John Bir

Moment of Silence

On the stage along with the other senior choir members, Brian Andrews (12) bows his head while listening to the blessing read by Katie Lemke at the beginning of the ceremony. The senior choir members sang the National Anthem following the procession. Photo by John Bir

Turning the Tassle

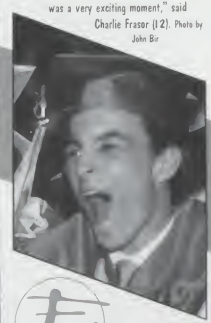
With diplomas in hand, Anthony Batalis (12) and Terry Bartholomew (12) turn the tassles of their graduation cap. The gesture symbolized the movement from a high school student to a graduate. Photo by John Bir

Remaining Friends

Two of Teddy LaTulip's best friends, Seth Norwalk (12) and Donny Rush (12) perform the song "You Were There For Me" that they composed about their friendship with LaTulip after discovering that he was the victim of a stabbing on the weekend before graduation. Since LaTulip was unable to attend, his friends as well as the entire senior class kept him in their thoughts and prayers. Photo by John Bir

Smoking Crack

While listening to the Salutatory speech of Isaiah Sumner, Charles Barman (12) and Terry Bartholemew (12) laugh at his interesting message to seniors. Starting his speech off on a light note, Sumner answered the question on everyone's mind when he said, "It was Chemistry. Chemistry was the class I got the B in." Sumner received all A's and one B+ during his high school career. Photo by John Bir



"Graduation was sad but at the same time it was a very exciting moment," said Charlie Frasor (12). Photo by John Bir

"As I was standing up at the podium, honoring my friend, the experience seemed surreal. But after it was all over I just hoped my speech did Ryan's memory justice," said Leslie Huelat (12) Photo by John Bir

"While I sat up on stage I tried to capture all the faces in the crowd so I could keep the memory with me forever. At the same time, I reflected on the past and the times I shared with friends," said Lacey Norris (12) with Mr. Byron Hubbard, (School Board). Photo by John Bir

Tears and Laughter

First of the millenium

The soon-to-be graduates nervously put on their caps and gowns, their parents proudly looked on and it seemed to be the same graduation as previous years. This class, however, looked toward their future with a different anticipation as they assumed the title of "The First Class of the New Millenium." Anxiously walking down the aisles to their seat, many were unaware of what a unique ceremony it would be.

Students Council President Julia Hamilton (12) spoke on behalf of the student body and presented the annual senior gift which was a tree to be planted in front of the future school. An inscribed plaque with a message in rememberance of their class would be placed in front of the tree.

Hamilton also gave a speech in honor of Teddy LaTulip (12) who was a victim of a random act of violence the weekend preceding the commencement. After she informed the audience of the situation, Donny Rush (12) and Seth Norwalk (12) performed a song they wrote dedicated to their friend entitled "You Were There For Me." Eric Mickey said, "The dedication made me think about how our country should take a stronger stand against youth violence." Along with LaTulip's recognition, the senior class remembered the loss of one of their classmates Ryan O'Connor, who passed away in 1998. Leslie Huelat (12) reflected on the memory of O'Connor and gave comfort when she said, "Smile when you think of Ryan." He was also pictured in the senior class video.

Wisdom and laughter was the combination used in the valedictory and salutatory speeches. Valedictorian Rhiannon Amodeo (12) read a poem called "Risks" advising her classmates to take them, while Salutatorian Isaiah Sumner (12) recieved a standing ovation after he closed his speech with his statement, "I know nothing!"

Though at the moment graduates had to face the fact that they were leaving their friends and the world they knew, their sadness was overshadowed by laughter and a memorable ceremony to cherish for a lifetime. **-Ashley Rhodes and Melissa Mariola**

in retrospect

How did you think your graduation was different from others?

"I thought it was really special how they honored Ryan O'Connor and Teddy LaTulip. It meant a lot to me."
Brad Kowert <12>

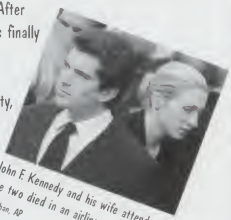
"Isaiah Sumner's spectacular speech gave everyone a great laugh. I also enjoyed being with my friends one last time."
Scott Millsap <12>

"I thought our class was well-behaved, yet everyone still had fun. We had humor without having to get out of control."
Christina Douglas <12>

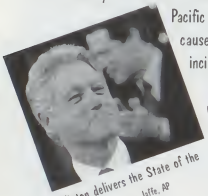
Tragedy Tops News

Topping the headlines the tragic deaths of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and Carolyn's sister, Lauren Bessette shocked the nation. Shortly after leaving Martha's Vineyard, the single-engine plane, piloted by Kennedy, crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. After five days of searching for the remains of the crash, the search teams finally found the plane and its deceased passengers.

Numerous other plane tragedies also occurred. On October 31, EgyptAir flight 990 crashed after leaving JFK airport in New York City, and on January 31 Alaska Airlines flight 261 plummeted into the Pacific Ocean. Speculation as to the causes of the crashes surrounded both incidents.



John F. Kennedy and his wife attend a funeral. The two died in an airline crash. photo by Mark Lennihan, AP

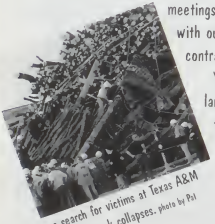


President Clinton delivers the State of the Union Address. photo by Steve Jaffe, AP

Among the more controversial, worldwide news, President Clinton was impeached for perjury and obstruction of justice. Throughout the entire trial, the president managed to keep a sixty-six percent approval rating. Although trials were finally over, the President said, "It will never be over."

Topping local news, school board members finally made the decision to build a brand-new high school. The ground-breaking ceremony occurred on a typical March day of frigid temperatures and blustery winds. Also, teachers picketed several school board meetings since they had been working with out a contract since August. The contract was finally settled in May.

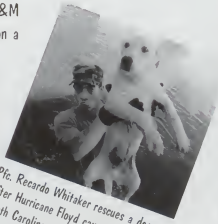
School board members and former superintendent Skurka break ground for the new school. photo by Angela Hensman



Rescuers search for victims at Texas A&M after a bonfire stack collapses. photo by Pat Sullivan, AP

Young deaths and injuries made up a large part of the news. A tragic accident in Texas took the lives of five young college students and injured at least 25. In November, Texas A&M college students were working on a huge bonfire stack when it collapsed. A&M students built the bonfire each year.

Mother nature also had its place in the news. Hurricane Floyd struck the coast of North Carolina causing immense damage to property.



Pfc. Recardo Whitaker rescues a dog after Hurricane Floyd caused floods in North Carolina. photo by Bob Jordan, AP

Finally, a little Cuban boy found on a raft in the Atlantic Ocean caused tremendous controversy. Should he be granted asylum or sent back to Cuba? Everyone seemed to have an opinion concerning his welfare including President Clinton, Janet Reno, numerous senators and congressman, his American family, his Cuban family, and a judge in Miami.

-Wendy Splitgerber

Mr. Bruce Sharp (science) pickets at a school board meeting. Teachers settled their contract in May. photo by [illegible]

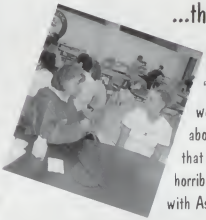
Aaron Wirtz (12) talks with U.S. district five representative Tom Buyer. Buyer visited the high school to talk with students about social and economical problems in the United States. photo by Megan Hito

Where Were You When...

...John F. Kennedy Jr. died?

"I was at work and a customer told me the news. I guess it was sad, but I did not really think too much about it because I really did not know much about him." -Blake Reynolds (10) with Doug Smith (10) Photo by Alison Ruess

...the six year old shooting in Michigan occurred?

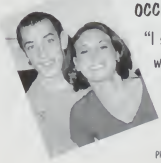


"I was in history class and we were watching CNN when I heard about it. I thought it was terrible that a six-year-old could do such a horrible thing." -Nicole Smoljan (9) with Ashley Amodeo (9) Photo by Alison Ruess

...President Clinton was charged?

"I was watching it on the news. I was glad that he got into some trouble. He deserved everything he got and more." -Christa Angelov (11) with Stephanie Tithof (11) Photo by Alison Ruess

...the Jewish school shooting occurred?



"I saw the news on TV. I thought that it was terrible what happened. There were way too many school shootings and there needed to be something done about it." -Alea Hooks (11) with Rob Galouzis (12)

Photo by Megan Makarek

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Where were you when...

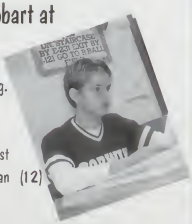
...Purdue went to the Outback Bowl?

"I was there with the marching band. It was an extremely amazing experience that I'll never forget. I was proud to represent my school in front of so many people. The only let down of the trip was that Purdue lost." -Carissa Klingberg (11) photo by Sarah Pszyk

...You heard about John Rocker's suspension?

"I was at Tim Kacmar's house. At first I laughed. Later, it made me wonder about freedom of speech and how you can justify suspending someone for thinking differently. I'm not agreeing with him, but it doesn't seem right." -Christopher Fosnacht (12) photo by Sarah Pszyk

...the football team beat Hobart at the Brickie Bowl?



"I was at the game. It was so exciting. The whole crowd went crazy and the noise was deafening. We were all screaming 'We are C.P.!' It was the best game of the season." - Angela Heinzman (12)
photo by Sarah Pszyk

...soccer player Brandi Chastain threw her shirt off?

"I was watching T. V. I didn't think there was anything wrong with it. In men's soccer it was customary to rip your shirt off after you score. Why should it be different for women?" -Daniel Ostrozovich (9)
photo by Sarah Pszyk

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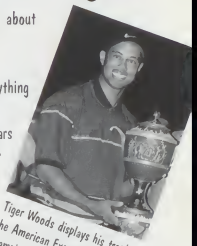
Athletes Appear in Spotlight

Lisa Diederich (10) barely clears the bar in the high jump at the meet with Hobart. Dietrich also competed in gymnastics. photo by John Bir

Sports had a tremendous impact on the world in which we lived. People talked about sports, played sports, watched sports on T.V., attended sporting events and even admired athletes in general. At all levels, amateur, professional, or any level in between, our society consumed sports and sports figures like they consumed everything else. During the millennium year, several sports figures made big news.

Tiger Woods' success in his golf career continued to skyrocket. At 23 years old, his earnings of 1999 more than doubled the previous one-year high. During his season he had eight tour victories; four of them straight in a row, which made him the first golfer to do so since 1953. Tiger Woods happily accepted his trophy after winning the American Express World Championship event in Valderrama, Southern Spain in October.

Muhammad Ali blows a kiss after being awarded the Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Century Award. Photo by Mark Lennihan, AP

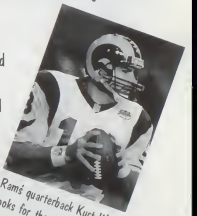


Tiger Woods displays his trophy from the American Express world championship. Woods won four straight tournament. Photo by Dennis Doyle, AP

Muhammad Ali had always been a boxing legend. All his fame and work won him the Sport's Illustrated Boxer of the Century Award which he received in December in New York. After receiving this award, he blew a kiss to the audience.

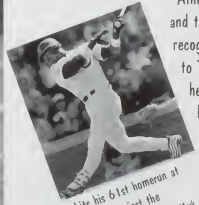
Cancer took the lives of a few famous athletes including Joe Dimaggio, Kim Perrot, and Walter Payton. However, Lance Armstrong defeated his cancer, as well as his opponents in the Tour de France bicycle race. Other cancer survivors included Peggy Flemming, Andres Galarraga, Joe Torre, and Darryl Strawberry, most stating that this was their greatest victory.

Jessica Koscielniak (9) swings back preparing to hit the ball. The golf team placed 2nd at sectionals. photo by Don Hoeft of Bulletin



Rams' quarterback Kurt Warner looks for the throw in the Superbowl game. Photo by Ed Reinke, AP

Athletes that made a large impact on the seasons and their teams also deserved some special recognition. The NBA finals MVP this year went to Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs who helped carry his team to their first title in NBA history. Atlanta Brave's Chipper Jones earned the National League MVP award in baseball with his four home runs in a three game series against the New York Mets. The NFL MVP, St. Louis Ram's quarterback Kurt Warner, led his team to win the Superbowl.



Sosa hits his 61st homerun at Wrigley Field against the Milwaukee Brewers. Photo by Mark Lennihan, AP

The homerun derby between Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire continued again this year. Mark McGwire belonged to the St. Louis Cardinals and had 65 homers, beating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs, who had 63. They were the first two players ever to break 60 home run record in consecutive seasons.

After winning the World Cup Final at the Rose Bowl, Brandi Chasttain takes off her jersey. Photo by Michael Cuffield, AP

Many were shocked to see Brandi Chastain when she threw her shirt off after she scored against China to win the Women's World Cup Final for the U.S.

-Sarah Pasyk

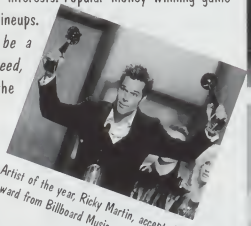
Music, Movies, T.V. Captivate

Across the country, a string of concerts hit the stage. In August, Fastball, Sugar Ray, and the Goo Goo Dolls played together. Dave Matthews Band continued its summer tour with a stop in both Chicago and Indianapolis. "Lilith Fair", the musical festival for female entertainers, made its final performance. Singers Sarah McLachan, Sheryl Crow, and Melissa Etherigde took part in the last concert. TLC and Christina Aguilera cancelled their concert in Chicago leaving thousands of disappointed fans. Some radio stations put on their own concerts. B-96 sponsored the "B-Bash", with talent, Ricky Martin, N'Sync, 98 degrees, and Keith Sweat. Blink 182, Bush, Oasis, and Foo Fighter were some of the performers at Q101's "Twisted Christmas".

Musician Sara McLachlan performs at Lilithe Fair. Photo by Paul Warner, AP

For her role in "Alley McBeal", Calista Flockhart accepts the award for Favorite female television performer. Photo by Kevork Djansezian, AP

The WB network had become very popular among teenage viewers. Shows like *Dawson's Creek, Felicity, Popular, Jack and Jill and Seventh Heaven* peaked students' interests. Popular money winning game shows also hit the network lineups. Shows like *Who Wants to be a Millionaire, Twenty-one,* and *Greed,* made all types of viewers turn on the television sets.

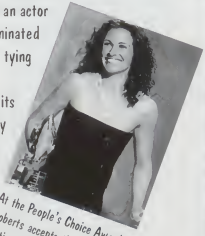


Artist of the year, Ricky Martin, accepts his award from Billboard Music. Photo by Laura Rauch, AP

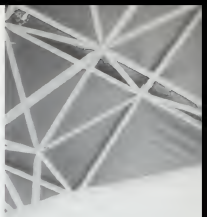
Annual award shows acknowledged talent throughout the year. At the 26th Annual People's Choice Awards, Calista Flockhart won favorite female television performer for her role in *Ally McBeal.* Julia Roberts also walked away with favorite motion picture actress. Ricky Martin took home the favorite male artist of the year award at the 1999 Billboard Music Awards. At the Golden Globe Awards, Michael J. Fox won best performance by an actor in a musical or comical series. Santana was nominated for an amazing eight awards at the Grammy's tying Micheal Jackson's album "Thriller".

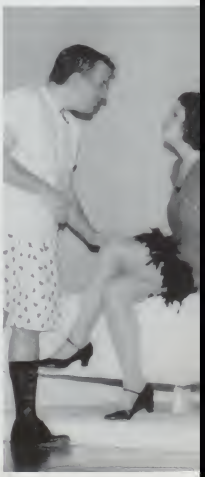
Michael J. Fox show his trophy from the Golden Globe Awards. Photo by Kevork Djansezian, AP

In movies, independent film producing made its way to the big screen. *The Blair Witch Project* made many jump out of their seats with its realistic directing. *American Pie,* a teenage movie about the pressures of adolescence, created problems for underage movie-goers. *Toy Story* and *Austin Powers* returned to the theater and brought laughs a second time. *Scream 3* made its final appearance on the big screen, ending a three-year killing spree. The cartoon *South Park* made a theater debut titled *South Park: Bigger, Better and Uncut.* **-Stephanie Black**



At the People's Choice Awards, Julia Roberts accepts the award for favorite motion picture actress. Photo by Kevork Djansezian, AP





Sad Hannah performs at Great America during the summer. Band members include Chuck Barman (12), Dan Motkowicz (11), BJ Barancyk (11), and Curt Schreiber (11). photo submitted by Sad Hannah

Ashley Bush and Brian Andrews perform together during the spring musical, "Anything Goes." photo by Melissa Muriola

Music of 1999 - 2000

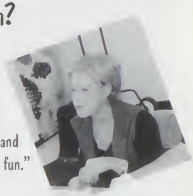
HEADLINERS

- Santana- "Supernatural"
- Sisqo- "Unlesh the Dragon"
- Limp Bizkit- "Significant Other"
- Dave Matthews Band- "Listener Supported"
- Dr. Dre- "2001"
- Creed- "Human Clay"
- Britney Spears- "...Baby One More Time"
- N' Sync - "No Strings Attached"
- Blink 182- "Enema of the State"
- Backstreet Boys- "Millennium"

* Student body survey

Where were you when...

...B96 hosted the B-Bash?



"I was there. I went with Leslie Huelat and a couple other friends. There was a lot of good singers and bands there. Keith Sweat performed one of my favorite songs, "Twisted" and he sounded awesome. I had so much fun." -Heather Mann (12) Photo by Leslie Huelat

...Sad Hannah played at Great America?

"My friends and I went to see our friends 'Sad Hannah' play. They played original songs, as well as popular songs. We went on rides and ate lunch and dinner with them. We ended up staying the whole weekend. It was great to get out of Crown Point." -Joe Bobruk (12) with Amber Visak (11)

Photo by Stephanie Black

...Dave Matthews played at the world?

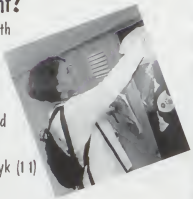
"I went to the concert with Dan Motkowicz and a couple friends. Dave put on a great show. He sounded amazing live. The concert was real laid-back and fun. It was definitely one of the better concerts I have been to." -B.J. Barancyk (11) Photo by Stephanie Black

...Micheal J. Fox announced his retirement from Spin City?

"I heard about it on TV. I thought it was a good career move on his part due to his illness. Parkinson's Disease was nothing to mess around with. It was sad that someone so talented and young could be diagnosed with such a disease." -John Bereckis (12) with James Deweese (11) Photo by Brad Kowert

Where were you when...

...the clock struck midnight?



"I was at my mother's restaurant with my boyfriend, Mark Bohling (12). It was a black tie party so we had to get all dressed up. There was a DJ and band. We danced all evening and when the clock struck midnight, the party really began." -Nicole Nowaczyk (11)

Photo by Stephanie Black

...the sun came up on the new year?

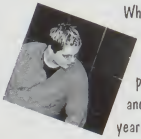
"I was with my girlfriend Kate Bernacchi (10) at Aaron Popp's (11) house. We saw the sun rise through the window. It was so beautiful. I knew it would be a great year for us together." -Josh Means (10) with Kate Bernacchi (10)

Photo by Stephanie Black

...you heard 'Ole Lang Syne'?

"To celebrate the New Year, my friends and I went to Stephanie Swanson's (10) house. We watched the 'Countdown to the Millennium' on television. The funny thing was that I actually heard the song while I was in the bathroom." -Ryan Zervos (10) Photo by Stephanie Black

...the ball dropped in New York City?



"I was with all of my friends in my living room. When the ball dropped, we went outside on my front lawn and watched and listened to all the fireworks. It was petty cool, but we still had to wait another hour until we experienced the new year in our time zone." -Dan Totleben (11)

Photo by Stephanie Black

Best New Year's Eve Celebrations

HEADLINERS

- Times Square - New York City, New York
- Walt Disney World - Orlando, Florida
- Navy Pier - Chicago, Illinois
- Eiffel Tower - Paris, France
- Washington Monument - Washington, D.C
- The Pyramids - Cairo, Egypt
- Millennium Wheel - London, England
- First Country to reach 2000 - New Zealand
- Jubilee Wall - The Vatican
- The Asakusa Shrine - Tokoyo, Japan

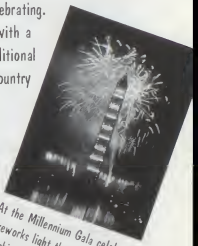
Celebrations Kick Off Millennium

At the Outback Bowl Parade, Constance Eich (12) shows off her party hat. Royal Regiment performed at the parade and was the first high school band to play in the U.S. in the new millennium. Photo by Julia Hamilton.

Deanna Lickens (11) and Robby Schrum preform the Electric Slide at the party she attended while participating in the Outback Bowl in Florida. Photo by Julia Hamilton

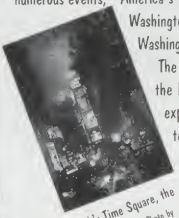
Anticipation and anxiety filled the world as many people watched the clock count down and continue to get closer and closer to midnight. A millennium was to end soon, but a new one was approaching just as quickly. Some were scared, some were excited, but just about everyone was celebrating.

The first country to enter the new millennium was New Zealand, welcoming it with a three-hour air performance in Auckland. Fireworks also filled the skies while traditional Maori war dances were performed. Because New Zealand credits itself as the country that first invented bungee-jumping, New Zealander Henri Van Ash made the first bungee-jump of the millennium in Queenstown.



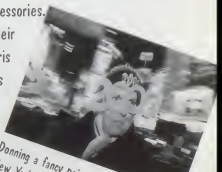
At the Millennium Gala celebration, fireworks light the night at the Washington Monument. Photo by AP

There was no doubt that the United States had big plans for the new year. Expectations were fulfilled as every area in the nation celebrated. One of the numerous events, America's Millennium Gala celebration, took place in Washington D.C. A large fireworks display at the Washington Monument contributed to this event The tradition of gathering at Times Square to watch the ball drop was the largest and also one of the most expensive parties in the U.S.A., despite the many fears of Y2K and terrorism. Hundreds of thousands of people of all nationalities assembled in the streets of New York City waiting with suspense. Some people expressed their New Year's spirits by wearing unique accessories.



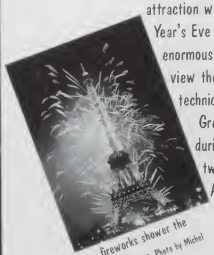
In New York's Time Square, the ball drops at midnight. Photo by Suzanne Plunkett, AP

Europe was not about to slack off with their festivities. Fireworks lit the night sky in Paris when they exploded around the Eiffel Tower. As the clock struck twelve in London, a laser fired from the north side of the River Thames to the Millennium Wheel. The attraction was supposed to be opened for New Year's Eve and was designed to act as an enormous ferris wheel that allowed one to view the city from above. Unfortunately, technical difficulties delayed its grand opening.



Donning a fancy pair of shade, John Bailey of New York City celebrated the new year. Photo by Mark Lennihan, AP

Greece took advantage of its ancient structures during celebrations for the new year. The twenty-five thousand year old Parthenon atop Athens' Acropolis was lit with blue lights. Along with the light display, open air concerts and fireworks rounded off the event.



In Paris, France, fireworks shower the night over the Eiffel Tower. Photo by Michel Euler, AP

Lit with blue lights, the Parthenon atop Athens' Acropolis comes alive with a light show. Photo by Lefteris Pitarakis, AP

No comets destroyed the earth, no wars broke out, and no major computer crashes occurred; the century came to an end peacefully and gracefully while people celebrated all over the world. **-Stephanie Black, Sarah Pasyk, and Wendy Splitgerber**

Sharp Contrast

Personalities contrast to form diverse classes, individuals

Growing up, each individual tried to find their place in the world as they attached themselves to people who were like them. They dressed alike, behaved the same way, and hung out at the same places. By the time they finally reached high school, each person was beginning to form his or her own personality and to stand out as a **unique** addition to his or her class. With time, students' personalities changed, resulting in **a diverse** group of people throughout the school. Matt Thompson (9) said, "I noticed that there were jocks, preps, ...etc. You could tell by the way people acted, dressed, and by the way they treated each other at school." While cliques were categorized by other cliques with stereotypical titles, all did something **distinctive** to set themselves apart from one another. Whether it would be attending numerous hours of a grueling athletic practice, rehearsing for an upcoming concert, or just studying at the library, each individual found their own place in their class and in their respective groups.

Even though the gap between classes only encompassed a few years, the **differences** among the students who created those differences proved overwhelming. While freshmen entered a new environment and tried to adapt, seniors had already found their place. Along with **varying** personalities, came conflict and rivalry. The rivalry between classes became evident during Homecoming week when the junior class shirts classified seniors as just a "bunch of zeros". Seniors retaliated and demanded respect by sporting the theme "Bow Down" on their t-shirts. While some felt the rivalry at the beginning, students admitted that by the end of the year it no longer existed. "We all became friends because we liked the same things which brought us together," said Charlie Festa (11).

Within each class, students **distinguished** themselves by the activities and interests in which they participated both inside and outside of school. Whether they rock climbed, played the violin in a symphony, or just participated in activities, they were still part of a whole. Kera Boog (10) said, "Although being Miss Teen Indiana set me apart from my classmates, I was still the same person that I was before." Each person contributed to the unity, yet it was his or her individuality that created such **sharp contrasts** within that unity. **-Melissa Mariola & Mary Beth Miller**

Shedding some light

Standing outside of Mr. Kit Degenhart's (Drama) office in the drama hallway, Carly Link (10) and Sidra Malik (10) rehearse a scene for their dramatics class. While some students took the class to prepare themselves for future auditions, others took it just to satisfy their acting interests.
Photo by John Bir

Walkin' on Sunshine

In the consumer science hallway, Alina Oliver walks toward the window overlooking the football field. Since Oliver was an aide for Mrs. Deb Ciochina (English) and guidance, she often wandered the halls making deliveries and running errands. Photo by Melissa Mariola

What was the biggest contrast between classes?

"The biggest difference was how freshmen were treated. Even if we respected them, they did not respect us." -Aaron Sprehe (9) with Kelly Bielak (10) Photo by Leslie Huelat

"The biggest difference between the seniors and the other classes was that we were loco, and we knew how to have fun while they didn't." -John Paris (12) with Amber Volk (12) Photo by Ashley Rhodes

"Seniors weren't worried about school or grades. We were too excited about college and having fun." -Becky Bricker (12) with Sue Ellen Rodriguez (12) Photo by Rosie Drojacki

"The biggest difference between the senior class and all the other classes was that we did not have to come back here the following year like they did." -Nicole Ruehl (12) Photo by Leslie Huelat

"I believed that the junior class was the most well-rounded class compared to the rest of them in the high school." - Chris Damjanovic (12) Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Chuck Barman

While many students had to learn to juggle their time between school and a job, Chuck Barman (12) turned his need for cash into a dream come true. While the typical teenager spent his weeks flipping burgers or bagging groceries, Chuck visited a recording studio and performed along with his band all over the Midwest.

Of Sad Hannah's four members, Chuck, who sang lead vocals and played guitar, was the only senior. Dan Motkowitz (11), who played the electric guitar, B.J. Barancyk (11), who was on the lead bass and backup vocals, and Curt Schreiber (11) on the drums made up the rest of the band.

Formed in 1996, Chuck's love of music started this band on gigs at festivals in Northwest Indiana and slowly led to appearances in Chicago and surrounding suburbs. Chuck also explained that the title Sad Hannah was actually a Buddist word meaning to think or write music spiritually.

Along with their appearances and growing number of fan clubs, the band takes pride in acknowledging their involvement in the Tibetan Freedom Movement. In 1999 alone, Sad Hannah played in a Tibet Rally in Chicago during March, played for the Tibetan New Year's Party for the Tibetan Alliance of Chicago in February, and played a concert in June at the Arima Auditorium in Yokohama, Japan. Their first CD entitled "1959" was released on February 19th and addressed issues dealing with Tibet. The lyric composition was created by Chuck and a new CD called "Semi-Precious" came out in the middle of 2000. **-Melissa Mariola**

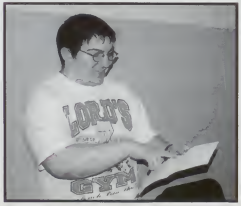
Who has changed most?

Kris Osika (12)

"I thought Kyle Sparrow had changed the most since freshman year. He used to keep to himself, but then he became more open to people. He became more laid back and easy going, and more crazy and outgoing." (with Rob Bruno,10) Photo by Katie Brehmer

Becky Erskine (12)

"I think that the Douglas twins have really changed the most of anyone in our class. They used to be really, really shy and quiet all the time, but now they don't care what people think. I really love the Douglas Twins." Photo by: Kelly Vaughan



Aaron Wirtz (12)

"I thought that Chris Stanek had changed the most because he no longer beat me up and he accepted me as a friend. As a friend that he can (search for) Christmas decorations with. Also my friend Steve Marshall." Photo by John Bir

Tiffany Skekloff (12)

"Nick Sitaris's (12) locker has been next to mine since seventh grade and he used to seem different, but this year he is so funny and nice to everyone, so I think he has changed the most." (with Jen Guard,10) Photo by Katie Brehmer

Kyle Sparrow (12)

"Me! I know myself the best,and I remember being a scared little freshman those many years ago. I feel that I've really grown to be more outgoing. My complete character has changed as a whole. I also participate in more activities than I used to." Photo by Katie Brehmer





Abella, Ryan: Art Club 9; French Club 10-12; Honor Society 11,12; Orchestra 9-12; Peer As Resource 12; Soccer 9; Spanish Club 9-12; Tennis 10.
Alvey, Sonya: Spanish Club 9,10.
Amadeo, Rhiannon: Marching Band 9,10,12; Jazz Band 12; Pep Band 9,10,12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Biology Club 12; Cheerleading 9; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9,10,12; Math Club 10,12; Orchestra 9-12; Peer As Resource 9,10,12; Royal Regiment 9,10,12; Student Council 9,10,12; Tennis 9,10; Rotary Exchange 11.
Anderson, Dan: FCA 9-12; Football 9-12; Kiwanians 12; Letterman's Club 9-12 (Sgt. at Arms); Peer As Resource 9-12 (Sec.); Spanish Club 9-11; Swimming 9-12; Track 9.
Andre, Annette: Marching Band 10-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; French Club 9-12; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9-11; Orchestra 10; Peer As Resource 10-12; Band 9.





Andrews, Brian: Academic Team 9; Mixed Choir 9; Concert Choir 10-12; Mixed Show Choir 9-12; French Club 9-12; Key Club 9-11; Orchestra 9,10; Showtime 11; Student Council 12; Tennis 9; Thespians 11,12.
Andrews, Kelly: Concert Band 9,10; Mixed Choir 9; Concert Choir 10-12; Girls' Show Choir 9; Mixed Show Choir 11,12; Colorguard 9-11; French Club 9-12; Key Club 9; Student Council 9-12; Thespians 11,12.
Antczak, Bonnie: GVC 10,11; HERO 12; Spanish Club; Trainers 9-11.
Arroyo, Matthew: Mixed Choir 9; Concert Choir 10-12; Mixed Show Choir 10-12; Honor Society 11,12; Inklings 11,12 (Design Editor); Journalism 10; Latin Club 12; Math Club 11,12; Quill & Scroll 11,12; Thespians 12.
Barkalow, Laura: Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 11; Mixed Choir 12; Spanish Club 9-11; Swimming 12.





Burman, Charles: Academic Team 9-12; Basketball 9; Booster Club 12; Cross Country 9; FCA 9,10; Japanese Club 9-12; Key Club 9; Track 9.
Barnhill, Kyle
Bartholomew, Terri: Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 10-12.
Batalis, Anthony: Spanish Club 10-12.
Bates, Dustin





Bell, Benjamin: Football 9.
Berardis, John
Bickel, Rachel: Dance Team 9-12; Spanish Club 9.
Billmeier, Alex: Hero 12; Letterman's Club 10; Trainer 9; Track 10.
Bobrusk, Joseph: French Club 9,10.




Bohling, Mark: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9,10; Football 9-12; Kiwanians 12; Letterman's Club 10-12; Referees 12; Spanish Club 9,10.
Bonasera, Craig: Band 9; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Cross Country 10-12 (Capt. 11,12); Honor Society 11,12; Letterman's Club 10-12; Orchestra 11,12; Royal Regiment 9-12; Spanish Club 10-12; Track 9-12; Valedictorian 12.
Bosse, Melissa: Concert Band 10; Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 12; Colorguard 10; Dance Team 11,12; Spanish Club 9-12.
Boone, Phillip: Honor Society 12; Spanish Club 12.

Booth, Brianne: Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10; Colorguard 9-12 (Mess Capt.); French Club 9-12; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9-12; Kiwanians 12; Orchestra 9-12; Peer Ac Resource 9-11; Royal Regiment 9-12; Band 9.
Boris, Paul: Golf 12
Bortles, Elizabeth: Concert Band 9-11; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9; Symphonic Band 12; German Club 10-12; Japanese Club 11; Journalism 9; Latin Club 9; Orchestra 11,12; Royal Regiment 9-12; Soccer 9,10; Girls' State 12; Windfall 9,10.
Bowie, Angela
Bowser, Daniel





Brannon, John
Brown, Trevor: HERO 12; Hockey 11,12; Spanish Club 9,10.
Brubaker, Kathryn: Mixed Choir 9-12; Select Choir 9; Colorguard 9,10; Excalibur 12; Journalism 11; Marching Band 9,10; TV Crew 10.
Brisker, Rebecca: Art Club 9; French Club 11; Volleyball 9.
Brown, Amy: Biology Club 11; Excalibur 11; HERO 12; Latin Club 10; Foreign exchange student 11.





Brown, Edward: Baseball 10; HERO 12; Swimming 9.
Brown, Joshua: Football 9,10.
Brown, Melissa: Spanish Club 9,10.
Brumbaugh, Brittany: Concert Band 10; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-11; Symphonic Band 11,12; Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10,12; Girls' Show Choir 9; Mixed Show Choir 10-12; French Club 9-11; Homecoming Court 10; Kiwanians 12; Orchestra 11; Royal Regiment 9-12; Student Council 9-12; Thespians 11,12.
Bryner, Julie





Buszek, Nicole: Treble Choir 11,12; Gymnastics 10-12.
Burrell, Brandi
Camarena, Mary
Carletta, David: German Club 9-11.
Carlone, Michelle: Art Club 9-12; Biology Club 11,12; GVC 10-12; Trainers 9-12.





Carnahan, Allyson: Basketball 9-12 (Capt.); Booster Club 10-12; GVC 10-12; Returnees 12; Student Council 12.
Carper, Matthew: Football 9-11; Letterman's Club 10-12; Track 10- 12.
Carroll, Andrew
Carlow, Joseph
Caulk, Sally: German Club 10; Key Club 10.





Cervantes, Krystal: GVC 10-12; Spanish Club 9,10; Trainers 9-12.
Chapelo, Paul: Hockey 10-12
Christian, Stacey: Girls' Choir 9; Key Club 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Swimming 9.
Ciesielski, Julie
Clay, Shannon: Art Club '9,12; Auto Club 12; Spanish Club 10.








Cox, Lindsay: Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10; Concert Choir 11; Girls' Show Choir 10; Colorguard 9,10; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9,10; Peer As Resource 9-12; Royal Regiment 9,10; Spanish Club 9,10.

Cowley, Justin: Concert Band 9-12; Marching Band 9; Royal Regiment 9.

Cooper, Daniel: Football 9; Track 9; Wrestling 9-11.

Cornelius, Kevin: Art Club 12; German Club 9-12 (Council Member); Honor Society 11,12; Peer As Resource 9-12 (Pres.)

Cornett, Patrick




Crooks, Diana: Mixed Show Choir 9; Concert Choir 9-12; Girls' Show Choir 9; Mixed Show Choir 10,11; French Club 9,10,12; Honor Society 11,12; Orchestra 9-11; Showtime 12; Thespians 11,12.

Cusack, Ryan

Dambach, Michelle: Spanish Club 9,10.

Damiano, Lindsay: Basketball 9,10; GVC 10-12; Key Club 9; Softball 9-12.

Dawes, Emily: Treble Choir 12; Mixed Choir 10,11; French Club 9-12.





DeYoung, Leslie: Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10; Concert Choir 11,12; Spanish Club 10.

Duffie, David: Auto Club 10-12.

Douglas, Christina: Band 9; Basketball 9,10; FCA 12; German Club 12; GVC 9-12; Showtime 12; Softball 9-12.

Douglas, Sarah: Pep Band 9; Basketball 9,10; GVC 10-12; Softball 9-12; DARE Role Model 12.

Duffy, Jim: Auto Club 10,11; Hockey 9-12; Japanese 9-12 (Vice Pres.).





Dye, Christopher: Football 10; Japanese Club 9-12; Showtime 11.

Eberly, Eric: Basketball 9; Track 10.

Eeh, Kenrtrama: Concert Band 10-12; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-11; Royal Regiment 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Track 9.

Elder, Scott: Concert Band 9,10; Marching Band 9-11; Pep Band 9; Symphonic Band 11,12; Mixed Choir 9,10; Royal Regiment 9-12; Track 9-11.

Emrick, Amanda: Marching Band 11,12; Booster Club 11; Colorguard 11,12; Key Club 9-11; Royal Regiment 11,12; Showtime 11,12; Spanish Club 9-11; Windfall 10.




Erb, Jennifer

Erickson, Lauren: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10; Concert Choir 11,12; Girls' Show Choir 9-12; FCA 9; German Club 10-12; Japanese Club 9; Orchestra 9,11; Royal Regiment 9-12; Thespians 10-12; Track 9-12; Volleyball 9,10; Band 9.

Erskine, Rebecca: Basketball 9; FCA 12; GVC 9-12; Soccer 9-12; Softball 9-12; Spanish Club 11; School Mascot 12.

Etter, Emilie: Treble Choir 12; Mixed Choir 10,11; Colorguard 11,12; Key Club 9; Royal Regiment 11,12; Spanish Club 10-12

Evans, Alexis: Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 10,12; Mixed Choir 11; Spanish Club 9-12; Swimming 9; Windfall 9,10.





Farnsworth, Thomas: Japanese Club 9-11; Letterman's Club 11; Tennis 9-11.

Fedorick, Kelly: Key Club 11; Orchestra 9-12.

Feder, Kevin: Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-12.

Fenwick, Grayson: Football 10; Golf 9-12; Kwanzaan 12.

Ferrell, Timothy

EXPECTATION OF SEPARATION DRAWS COUPLES CLOSER

One of the hardest parts of graduating from high school was leaving behind a serious relationship. Couples found many ways to deal with moving on to college during a long-term relationship. Andrea Tournis (12) and James Ricard (11) had been together since Andrea asked him to her junior prom. The two became close throughout the summer and remained serious throughout Andrea's senior year. Andrea and James tried to spend as much time together as they could, going out with friends, going to formals, and just hanging out together. They decided to try and work through the separation if Andrea went to Indiana University in Bloomington. "I hoped to stay together long distance or otherwise. I knew it would be hard," said Tournis.

Andrea Tournis (12) and James Ricard (11) stand together in the hallway. The couple began dating at the end of Andrea's junior year. Photo submitted by Andrea Tournis

Danielle Peregrine (12) and graduate Greg Mancilla already had the experience of not seeing each other every day, so missing each other was not new. Danielle and Greg began dating in November of Danielle's junior year and then took a break for awhile. They got back together in November of her senior year and planned to stay together while Danielle went to college to become a teacher. Danielle was planning to go to Purdue University-West Lafayette while Greg stayed in Crown Point working. Danielle split her time between her friends and Greg, reserving one night of the weekend for her friends and then spending as much time with Greg as she could the rest of the weekend. "I wanted to wait and see how it went. The separation would be really hard, but I really wanted to stay together," said Peregrine.

The senior class was used to seeing Nate Williams (12) and Jen Wisor (12) constantly together. The pair began dating their sophomore year and remained serious in their relationship throughout their high school careers. They both hoped to attend the same college, but they knew it might not be realistic. "Of course, I wanted to go to the same college as her. We would have liked to, but she knew she should go where she could get the best education," The couple decided to do everything possible to stay together even if they were far apart. "Whatever it takes to make her happy," said Williams.

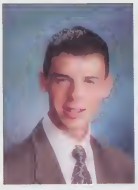
Every couple had their plans for the future of their relationships. Most decided to wait and see what the future brought and deal with the problems. The couples attempted to create as many memories as possible and prepare for the future. Though the prospect of the separation was very close, all the couples agreed it was best to enjoy the time they had left together during their last year of high school. **-Kim Lambka**

Dennis Kamph

Strength, endurance and dedication all helped Dennis Kamph (12) in his transformation from student to teacher. Dennis began his Martial Arts training with Tae Kwon Do in Detroit, Michigan five and a half years ago. After about a year and a half, he began teaching the sport. For Dennis, his kickboxing training began when his Tae Kwon Do instructor told him during his freshman year that he should "expand his knowledge."

Not only did Dennis learn new things, but he found that this was a sport with intense physical requirements. "Kickboxing was a way for me to relieve stress and stay in shape. Although I have a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, I thought I needed something more physical," Dennis commented. Dennis first began teaching Tae Kwon Do about four years ago in Michigan. He had taken up teaching kickboxing at the YMCA two times per week on Tuesday and Thursday and was working on beginning a Saturday class. "My favorite aspect of teaching was that I was able to see my students' progress. It showed me that the student and I were on the same level." He said that the sport needs a lot of confidence and that if a person got too caught up in what other people thought, there was no way that person would succeed because no one ever learns at the same speed. Dennis seemed to have a very clear view of his future. "Other than kickboxing, I planned on owning my own Karate Studio. Since I am a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, a black belt in Aikido, and a black belt in Judo, and a black belt in Jiujitsu, I wish to have my own style that incorporates them all." **-Katie Brehmer**





Flores, Anthony: Mixed Choir 10;11; Showtime 11;12.
Flores, Sara: Girls' 9; Concert Choir 10-12; Dance Team 9; Homecoming Court 9; Honor Society 11;12; Latin Club 9-11; Math Club 10-12; Ratarsans 12; Thespians 10-12; Prom court 12.
Fosnacht, Christopher: Biology Club 9-12; German Club 9;10; Key Club 9;10; Letterman's Club 10-12; Peer Ac Resource 9-12; Soccer 9-12 (Capt.).
François, Amy
Frantz, Charlie: Homecomung Court 11; Soccer 9-12; Spanish Club 9;10.





Fredericks, Theresa: Concert Band 10; Marching Band 10-12; Pep Band 10-12; Symphonic Band 11;12; Mixed Choir 1; Honor Society 11;12; Royal Regiment 10-12; Track 10.
Fredericks, William: Cross Country 10-12; FCA 12; German Club 12; FCA 12; Letterman's Club 10-12; Track 9-12.
Fritz, Linday: Cheerleading 9;10; Mixed Choir 9;10; HERO 12; Homecoming Court 10; Key Club 9; Spanish Club 10; Swimming 9;10.
Gall, Tracy
Galeuzie, Robert: Soccer 9-12.





Gamblin, Lisa: Peer Ac Resource 9; Student Council 9.
Gamarz, Thomas: Basketball 9; FCA 9-12 (Co-Pres.); Golf 9; Spanish Club 9-11; Student Council 9;10.
Gattler, Justin: German Club 9-1; Tennis 9.
Gill, Stephanie
Gillespie, Daniel: Football 9-12; Kiwanians 12; Letterman's Club 9-12; Wrestling 9-12.





Girman, Melissa
Goetz, Lauren: 9;1 (Capt.);12; Softball 9.
Gondek, Jason: Hockey 10-12 (Capt.).
Gorski, Daniele
Gourley, Sarah: Basketball 9-1; Soccer 9.

Grapée, Jeff: Auto Club 9-12.
Granger, Gregory: Golf 12.
Griffith, Lauren: Concert Band 9;10; Marching Band 9; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 11;12; Colorguard 10-12; Honor Society 11;12; Journalism 10; Latin Club 9-11 (Treasurer);12 (Vice. Pres.); Math Club 11;12; Orchestra 1 1; Ratarsans 12; Royal Regiment 9-12; Thespians (Officer).
Gross, Daniel
Gudonschwager, Tina: German Club 9-1 1; HERO 12.





Guess, Rebecca: Basketball 9; Golf 9-12; GVC 9-12; Ratarsans 12; Spanish Club 9-12; Swimming 10.
Hagerman, Peter: Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; French Club 9-12; Honor Society 11;12 (Director of Leadership); Key Club 9-1 1; Math Club 10-12; Orchestra 9-12; Peer Ac Resource 9;10; Ratarsans 12; Royal Regiment 9-12 (Brass Capt.); Boys' State 12; Student Council 10-12.
Hamilton, Blythe: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9; Symphonic Band 10-12; Homecoming Court 12; Honor Society 11;12 (Director of School Services); Orchestra 9-12; Peer Ac Resource 9; Royal Regiment 9-12 (Percussion Capt.); Spanish Club 9-1 1; Student Council 9-11 (Rep.);12 (Vice Pres.); Tennis 9-12; Student Leadership 12; Prom Queen 12.
Hamilton, John: Marching Band 9; Pep Band 9;10; Symphonic Band 10-12; Colorguard 10-12; Honor Society 11;12; Inklings 10;1 (Entertainment Editor);12 (Associate Editor); Key Club 9;10 (Sec.); Orchestra 9-1 1; Peer Ac Resource 9-12; Quill & Scroll 11;12 (Vice President); Ratarsans 12; Royal Regiment 9-12; Spanish Club 9-1 1; Student Council 9;10;11 (Class Sec.), 12 (President); Volleyball 9; Student Leadership Chair 12.
Hamilton, Rachel

Hanes, Amanda: Colorguard 9; Spanish Club 9-11.
Harbin, Colette
Hardin, Angela
Hartlaroda, Kathleen: French Club 12; Golf Club 11; Softball 9-10; Spanish Club 9-10.
Harvey, Shawn M. Football 9-11.





Hayes, Jared: Golf 9-12; Letterman's Club 9-10; Showtime 12.
Hays, James
Heck, Jerry: Auto Club 9-12; Swimming 10,11.
Hein, Jeffery: German Club 9-11.
Hein, Kathryn: Girls' 9; FCA 10,11; GVC 12; Key Club 9-11; Peer As Resource 11,12; Showtime 11,12; Soccer 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Student Council 12.





Hein, Sarah: Biology Club 12; Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10,11; Concert Choir 12; German Club 9-12; Golf 11; Key Club 10-12; Tennis '010; Volleyball 9,10.
Heizman, Angela: Booster Club 9-12; Cheerleading 9-12 (Capt.); Girls State; Quill & Scroll 11,12; Inklings 10-12.
Hendorlong, April: Gymnastics 9-12.
Henaghan, Julie: Girls' Choir 9; Tremble Choir 10-12.
Heusher, Derek





Hite, Megan: GVC 9-12; Inklings 10-12 (Editor-in-Chief); Journalism 9; Key Club 9; Quill & Scroll 11,12 (Pres.); Reterans 12; Soccer 9-12 (Cap.); Spanish Club 9-12; Student Council 12; Red Ribbon Committee 11; Student Leadership Committee 12.
Hobson, Amy
Hogan, Lisa: Art Club '010; Concert Band '010; Marching Band 9; Pep Band '010; Honor Society 11,12; Math Club 12; Royal Regiment 9; Spanish Club 9-11.
Horst, Andrea
Horst, Christopher: Marching Band 9; Jazz 10-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; German Club 9-12; Honor Society 11,12; Letterman's Club 10-12; Math Club 10-12; Orchestra '010; Royal Regiment 9; Tennis 9-12; Track 9,10.





Howard, Vincent

Hrapcak, Susan: Swimming 9-12; Honor Society 11,12.
Huelat, Leslie: Dance Team 9-11; Excalibur 11,12 (Student Life Editor); Honor Society 11,12 (Publicity Director); Key Club 9; Peer As Resource 9; Quill & Scroll 12; Spanish Club '010 (Sec.); Student Council 10-12 (Treas.); Student Leadership Council 12; Prom Court 12.
Huwig, Stephanie
Jackson, Matthew





Jagielnicki, Kendra: Girls' Choir 9; Tremble Choir 10-12; Mixed Choir 1 & French Club 10-12; Showtime 11,12; Spanish Club 9; Swimming 9,10.
Jefferson, Steven
Jenkins, Kevin: Academic Club 10-12; Biology Club 12; Honor Society 11,12 (Director of Financial Affairs); Latin Club 9-12; Web Team '010.
Jergens, Lashaigh
Johnson, Crystal: Treble Choir 10-12; Colorguard 10; Royal Regiment 10.









Johnson, Katherine: Royal Regiment 9-12; Pep Band 9-12.
Johnson, Peter: Concert Band 9-1; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9; Symphonic Band 12; Royal Regiment 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12.
Jones, Jillian: Concert Band 9,10; Marching Band 9-1; Pep Band 9,10; Symphonic Band 11,12; French Club 9,10; Honor Society 11,12; Rotarians 12; Royal Regiment 9-1; Track 9-12.
Jozsowski, Stacy: Academic Club 10-12; Biology Club 12; Girls' Choir 9; German Club 10-12; Honor Society 12; Latin Club 9-11 (Co-pres.),12 (State Parliamentarian); Showtime 11,12.
Kaemer, Timothy: FCA 9,10; Golf 10,12; Honor Society 11,12; Kiwanians 12; Latin Club 9-12; Letterman's Club 9-12; Math Club 10-12; Tennis 9-12 (Capt.).





Kamph, Dennis: Football 9-12; Letterman's Club 10-12; Spanish Club 9,10; Thespians 9-1; Track 9-12.
Kardella, Leslie: Concert Band 9.
Kaiser, Kelly: Journalism 12; Spanish Club 9, 10.
Kelleher, Eric: Latin Club 9-12.
Kelsey, Elwood; Auto Club 10-12; Football 9,10; Lettermak Club 10; Track 9,10.





Karay, Robert
Karbs, Johnathon
Karn, Adam
Kiser, Lynn
Klavas, Kristin





Klevickas, Ellen: Concert Band 9; German Club 9-1; Orchestra 9,10.
Krzesinski, Jennifer: Golf 10-12; GVC 9-12; Honor Society 11,12; Swimmers 9-1; Volleyball 9.
Kowari, Bradley: Excalibur 11,12; Soccer 11,12; Spanish Club 9-1; Track 9.
Kozlowski, Jason: HERO 12.
Kozora, Mindy





Kuckson, Thomas
Kufe, Jon
Kuntz, Aaron
Kunst, Laura: Spanish Club 9.
Kurth, Brian: Basketball 9; Letterman's Club 9,10; Spanish Club 9-1; Track 9-12.





Lacey, Victoria
Lambert, Kathleen: Girls' Choir 9; Cross Country 10; Dance Team 9-12 (Capt. 9,10); Key Club 9,10; Orchestra 9-12; Peer As Resource 9,12; Spanish Club 9,10; Student Council 11,12; Thespians 11; Track 9-11; Volleyball 9.
Lambka, Kimberly: Mixed Choir 9,10; Concert Choir 11,12; Colorguard 10; Dance Team 11; Excalibur 12; Honor Society 11,12; Orchestra 9,10; Spanish Club 9,10;Prom Court 12.
LaSalle, Teddy: Concert Band 9; Marching Band 9; Baseball 9,10,12; Homecoming Court 11; Swimming 9.
Lebeau, Dee: Academic Team 10; Quiz Bowl 10-12.

Jennifer Koscielniak

Jen Koscielniak's talent for art influenced her choices in life and gave her an outlet to express herself. Jen began to really enjoy art when she was five years old. Her interest escalated when she began taking art classes in school. She began to experiment with many different styles and genres. "I loved to use mixed media with acrylic and oil. With mixed media you could get certain materials to harmonize," said Jen. She was most interested in fine arts, animation, and abstract art.

Jen became so talented that her pieces were shown in the spring Tri Kappa Art Show four years in a row. She was accepted into the Valparaiso Secondary Art Show, as well as the student show at the Northern Indiana Arts Association. She took high school courses that would prepare her for a future in the art world. She took electives such as Independent Art and Advanced Art. "I planned to go to the Savannah College of Art and Design to double major in two and three-dimensional animation," said Jen.

Jen's talent allowed her to express her emotions and share her expertise with the world. She had an ability to express her thoughts and emotions in her work that few people her age could challenge. Jen said, "What inspired me the most were my own feelings, my views of the world, and the ability to twist certain things around and make them totally different. Most of my work comes from the heart." **-Kim Lambka**

Who was your favorite teacher?

Dave Meyers (12)

"Mr. (Art) Equihua (social studies) was a fun teacher and had an awesome environment to learn in. Even though his classes were tough, they were still great to participate in." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Tiffany Noel (12)

"Mrs. (Deb) Ciochina was my favorite teacher because she was fun and she encouraged me to be myself. She was always so cheerful and always made the class interesting by using teaching methods to keep the class's attention." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Pat Cornett (12)

"Mr. (Ed) O'Brien (math) was my favorite teacher. He really cared about his students. You could tell that he really loved his classes and his job in general. He has really good teaching methods and can keep your attention. His helpful criticism motivated us to do better." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Nikki Buczek (12)

"Mr. (Art) Equihua (social studies) was my favorite teacher because he made class fun and he involved himself with the students. For example, the government trip. His class was not like other classes and he was fun-loving too." Photo by Katie Brehmer

Alina Oliver (12)

"My three most inspirational teachers were Mrs. (Deb) Ciochina (English), Mrs. (Debbie) Cuffia (English), and Mr. (Mike) David (math). These three teachers all really cared about their students. By having motivation for school and caring about the kids and the school, they have helped make it a better experience for us." Photo by Katie Brehmer





Leigh, Richard
Lemke, Kathryn: Basketball 9-12; Biology Club 12; Booster Club 11,12; FCA 12; GVC 10-12; Homecoming Court 11,12; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9,10; Kiwanians 12; Student Council 12; Prom Committee 12.
Lemon, Kelly
Link, Brady
Longfellow, Jody: Concert Band 10,11; Marching Band 9,10; Pep Band 9,10; French Club 9-11; HERO 9-11; Key Club 10,11; Royal Regiment 9,10.





Lukas, Steven
Lyik, Mattias
Maahs, Terry
Magness, Matthew: Football 9-11
Makarek, Megan: Concert Band 10; Marching Band 9,10; Pep Band 9; Symphonic Band 12; Cheerleading 10; Colorguard 11,12; Homecoming Court 11; Key Club 9; Royal Regiment 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Student Council 9-12; Tennis 9-12.





Malczewski, Matt
Manis, Justin
Mann, Heather: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-11; Homecoming Queen 12; Student Council 11,12 (Pres.); Student Leadership Committee 12.
Manwaring, Ryan
Marshall, Elizabeth: Colorguard 9; Art Club 10-12; French Club 9-12.





Marshall, Steven
Marszewski, Steven: Basketball 9,10; French Club 9,10; Spanish Club 11.
Mason, Scott: Art Club 11; Mixed Choir 9,10; Concert Choir 10-12; Mixed Show Choir 10,12; German Club 9-12; Key Club 12; Showtime 12.
Massey, Erica: Choir 9-12.
McConnell, Eric





McGoldrick, Jeremy: Excalibur 11,12 (Sports Editor); Honor Society 11,12; Kiwanians 12; Soccer 11,12 (Capt.); Spanish Club 9-12; Prom Court 12.
McLain, Daniel: Academic Team 11,12; Biology Club 10,11; Hockey 12; Honor Society 11,12; Excalibur 12; Math Club 12; Volleybalwian 12.
McMasters, Jacob
McVey, Michael: Spanish Club 9,10.
Memering, Sean: Art Club 9-11.





Meuscher, Jamieson: Spanish Club 10,11; Theater Crew 10-11.
Metres, Audrey: Cheerleading 9,10; Homecoming Court 12.
Mertum, Devin
Meyers, David: Basketball 11,12; Mixed Choir 10,11; Mixed Show 10; FCA 9; German Club 9-12; Letterman Club 11,12; Student Council 9,10; Tennis 9-12.
Miskey, Eric: Cross Country 9,10; Japanese Club 10-12; Track 9,12.

Miller, Adam: Lettermen's Club 9-12; Track 10-12; Baseball 9-12; Cross Country 9-12; Spanish Club 9,10; Football 9.
Miller, Eric: Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 10; Spanish Club 10; Trainers 11.
Miller, Kassie: Concert Band 10; Marching Band 10-12; Pep Band 9-11; Symphonic Band 11,12; French Club 9-12(Executive Council); Journalism 10; Royal Regiment 10-12.
Miller, Kristina: Treble Choir 10; Excalibur 11; Spanish Club 9.
Miller, Mary Beth: Excalibur 10-12 (Editor in Chief); Kiwanians 12; Quill and Scroll 11,12 (Sec./Treas.); Student Leadership Committee 12.





Miller, Samantha: Biology Club 11,12; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9,10; Latin Club 9-12; Orchestra 9-11.
Mills, Gayle: Basketball 9; Spanish Club 9,10.
Milroy, Scott
Miskiewicz, Deborah: Concert Band 10; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 11,12; FCA 9; German Club 11,12; Orchestra 12; Royal Regiment 9-12; Spanish Club 9,10; Speech Club 12; Track 9-11.
Momper, Chad





Moontsville, Janet: Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10-12; Honor Society 11,12; Latin Club 9-12; Math Club 11,12.
Moore, Brianna: Excalibur 12; Journalism 11; Soccer 9,10.
Morrissey, Shawn
Mostovich, Joe: Basketball 9-12; Lettermen's Club 10-12.
Mote, Jeff: Basketball 9; Golf 9-12; Lettermen's Club 10-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Swimming 10.





Muir, Aaron: Art Club 11,12; Biology Club 11; Mixed Choir 9,10; Concert Choir 11,12; Mixed Show Choir 10; French Club 11,12; Latin Club 9,10.
Mulder, Michael: Football 9; Wrestling 9,10.
Mullen, John: Orchestra 9-12.
Murdoch, Patricia
Murray, Eric: Swimming 9.





Myers, Robert: HERO 12; Japanese Club 9-12; Lettermen's Club 10,11; Wrestling 9-11.
Mydlowicz, Janet: Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 10; Japanese Club 10,12; Spanish Club 9.
Nance, Jessica: Art Club 12; GVC 9-12; Kiwanians 12; Spanish Club 9; Student Council 12; Swimming 9-12; Track 9; Volleyball 9-12.
Narjes, Ravi
Neault, Jeanette: Concert Band 10-12; Royal Regiment 10-12.





Nelson, Amanda
Nelson, Lindsay: Basketball 9,10; GVC 11,12; Softball 9-12; Volleyball 9,10.
Neal, Tiffany: Basketball 9; German Club 10-12; GVC 11,12; Trainer 10-12.
Nolan, Emily: Key Club 9; Student Council 9,10.
Nolan, Kevin: Biology Club 11,12; Golf 9-12; Hockey 11,12; Math Club 12; Spanish Club 9,10.









Norris, Larissa: Showtime 11,12; Spanish Club 9-11 (Publicity Director), 12 (Pres.).
Norwalk, Seth
Nowak, Laura: Showtime 11,12; Spanish Club 9-11 (Publicity Director),12 (Pres.).
Nylan, Amanda
O'Neal, Diana





Obermeier, Kathryn
Oliver, Alina: Concert Band 9,10; Cheerleading 9; GVC 11,12; Journalism 12; Spanish Club 9,10; Swimming 9; Tennis 9-12.
Olszewski, Kimberly: Treble Choir 12; Spanish Club 9.
Osburn, Adam: Auto Club 11,12.
Osika, Kristopher: Mixed Choir 9-12; Spanish Club 9; Windfall 11.





Ostrowski, Ryan
Ozeroldes, Andrew: Basketball 9; FCA 11,12; Honor Society 11,12; Letterman's Club 9-12; Rotarians 12; Soccer 9-12 (Capt.); Boys' State 12 (Mayor).
Overbey, Brett: Auto Club 11,12 (Sec.); Football 9,10.
Paarlberg, Ahmad: Biology Club 12; Honor Society 11,12; Latin Club 9-12; Math Club 10-12; Sabatmus 12; Boys' State 12.
Paarlberg, Salma: Honor Society 11,12 (Director of Community Service); Key Club 9-12 (Sec.); Latin Club 9,11; Peer As Resource 11,12; Tennis 10; Student Leadership Committee 11,12.





Papyus, Manolis
Paris, John: Baseball 9-11; Basketball 9; French Club 11; Spanish Club 9, 10.
Parry, Christina: Choir 9-12.
Patterson, Shelley: Mixed Choir 12; GVC 11,12; Key Club 9-12; Peer As Resource 9-11; Softball 9-12; Student Council 9,10.
Paulsin, Tiffany: Track 12.





Peak, Jason: Basketball 9
Peregrine, Danielle: Mixed Choir 10; Dance Team 9; Golf 10; Key Club 9,10; Spanish Club 9; Student Council 12.
Perilla, Michele: Concert Band 9; Marching Band 9; Key Club 9-11; Spanish Club 9,10.
Perryman, Natalie: Colorguard 9; French Club 9-12; Journalism 9.
Phillips, Matthew: Excalibur 12; Football 9-12; Letterman's Club 10-12; Math Club 12; Wrestling 9.





Plumley, Eric: Basketball 9-12; Biology Club 12; Booster Club 11; GVC 9-12 (Pres.); Rotarians 12; Spanish Club 9-11; Student Council 12; Volleyball 9-12 (Varsity).
Pope, Ryan: Football 9,11; Letterman Club 11,12; Track 12.
Porterfield, Stephen
Poulton, Philip: Football 9-11; Letterman's Club 10-12; Spanish Club 10; Track 9-12.
Prentzelis, Tatiyana: Biology Club 12.

Quering, Daniel: Football 9-12; Letterman's Club 10-12; Track 9-11.
Ramsay, Tiffany
Radke, William
Reid, Brian: Baseball 9,10; Basketball 9; Spanish Club 9-11.
Reimer, Scott: Football 9; Track 9,10.





Retzoe, Brian: Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Baseball 9,10; Concert Choir 12; Mixed Show Choir 12; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9,10; Math Club 11,12; Peer As Resource 9,10; Royal Regiment 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Valedictorian 12.
Rimlus, Andre: French Club 9-12; Honor Society 11,12; Swimming 10,11; Track 9; Volleyball 9.
Rivera, Celina: Treble Choir 10-12; Key Club 9; Spanish Club 9,10
Rivera, Joshua
Rodgers, Starr





Rodriguez, Sue: Colorguard 12; Key Club 11; Showtime 11,12.
Rosell, Peter: Concert Band 9; Basketball 9; French Club 9-12; Honor Society 11,12; Letterman Club 11,12; Math Club 12; Peer As Resource 9-12; Showtime 12; Track 9-12.
Ross, Christopher
Rusinski, Sarah
Rudd, Nicole: Girls' Choir 9; Treble 12; Mixed Choir 10,11; Journalism 9; Spanish Club 9,10; Windfall 11; Bowling 12 (Capt.); Drama Club 9,10.





Rukes, Joe: Auto Club 10,11; Basketball 9-11; Football 9-11; Key Club 9,10; Letterman's Club 10-12; Spanish Club 9-11.
Rush, Donald
Russel, Julie
Sabuta, Elizabeth: Concert Band 10-12; Marching Band 10,11; Pep Band 9-11; FCA 11; French Club 12; Golf 9-12; (Co-Capt.); GVC 10-12; Royal Regiment 10,11; Spanish Club 9,10; Swimming 9-12; Track 10-12.
Sandbank, John: Concert Band 9-11; Marching Band 9; Jazz Band 11; Pep Band 9,10; Cross Country 10; Orchestra 9-12;





Sanford, William: HERO 12; Orchestra 9-11.
Sarkiewski, Kate: Dance Team 9-11; Speech Club 9-12.
Schaefsma, Rachel: Student Council 9-12.
Schatzman, Kathryn: Mixed Choir 10; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9-11; Peer As Resource 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12.
Schelsberg, Breanne: Golf 10; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9,10; Showtime 12; Spanish Club 9,10,12.





Schmidt, Joseph: Japanese Club 9-12.
Schoonemon, Scott: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9; Math Club 12.
Scott, Carrie
Scott, Danielle: Biology Club 11; HERO 12; Key Club 10.
Scott, Thomas: German Club 9-11; Inklings 12; Japanese Club 9-12; Journalism 12; Key Club 9.





SENIORITIS "BUG" PLAGUES SENIOR CLASS

Just like the years preceding it, the onslaught of senioritis became greatly apparent. Without an exact definition, this "illness" was different for each individual.

Riding on top of their float in the Homecoming parade, the senior class shows their school spirit as well as class pride. Class togetherness was a common sign of senioritis. Photo by Leslie Hustof

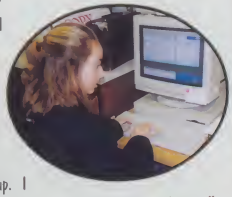
As defined by Megan Makarek (12), senioritis included "that period during your last year when you just do not care about anything anymore." For most, the realization that they were drawing closer to the graduation date instigated the symptoms of this common disease. "I probably first felt it right after the first semester of senior year when I got accepted to school," explained Dave Meyers (12). Following their acceptance into college and on the verge of the end of high school, simply put, some seniors became lazy. Feeling that their acceptance into school had already secured their future, school and homework became a last priority to some and, instead, they recognized their superiority as a senior.

For others, senioritis was not a time to slack off, but rather a time to get prepared. With their college days approaching more quickly than ever, some used their last year as an opportunity to better prepare themselves. Certain classes were offered to students for their last year to introduce them to a typical college course environment. Rhiannon Amodeo (12) said, "I was glad that I took 'real courses', as opposed to blow-off ones, my last year. Even though I did develop some senioritis, I thought that I would be better prepared for college after having taken Senior English, Advanced Placement Chemistry, and Advanced Placement Biology."

Since the definition was mainly a matter of opinion, Simone Sidwell (12) felt differently. Sidwell said, "I was not quite sure what senioritis was, but I thought it was the feeling of resentment towards graduation and the thought of losing friends. Also, by the time we graduated most of us had been in school 13 years and it was scary to think that we'd have to actually do something." For the majority of students, they had to come to the realization that they would soon have to separate from all the people with whom they'd grown up.

Whether senioritis meant taking it easy, preparing for the worst, or adapting to the upcoming changes, every senior spent their last year adjusting to their own symptoms of senioritis. **-Melissa Mariola**

Megan Hite



"I couldn't live without my calendar," said Megan Hite (12) as she rummaged through her locker for a missing notebook. "I could barely remember to breathe most of the time, let alone keep track of my activities. If someone wanted to give me a heart attack, they could hide my calendar and watch me scream," she added.

During her senior year alone, she was Editor-in-Chief of the *Inklings*, captain of the soccer team, and president of the Quill and Scroll literary honorary society. She also served on the Student Leadership Committee, and belonged to Spanish Club, Student Council, and performed as a chorus member in the Thespian's production of *Anything Goes*. Of all her accomplishments, finally landing a role in a show after three years of auditioning was the one that she was most proud of.

Somehow she managed to juggle this load along with honor's classes and a job at Arby's. "There have been times when I wished I could just quit everything and go home to sleep after school, but then I thought about what that meant giving up. I loved everything I did, or I would not have done it," said Megan.

After graduation, Hite planned on volunteering for a year with Americorp, a service organization similiar to the Peace Corp. Then she planned to go to college where she would study journalism and political science in hopes of working in Washington as a political press secratary. "I have all the dreams laying out in front of me, and nothing to stand in my way." **-Melissa Mariola**

Sertich, Megraven: Basketball 9;10; Excalibur 11; Japanese Club 9;10; Key Club 9-11;12 (Pres.); Kwanzaaz 12; Math Club 12; Orchestra 9;10; Peer As Resource 11;12; Senior 9-1; Spanish Club 12; Girls' State 12; Student Council 11,12.
Sessum, Nikki: Spanish Club 9
Shimek, Kristen: Concert Band 10; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 11,12; Girls' Choir 9; French Club 9-12; Honor Society 12; Key Club 9-1; Orchestra 9;1; Peer As Resource 9-1; Royal Regiment 9-12.
Sidwell, Simeon: Art Club 9; Spanish Club 9
Simiinski, Chad





Sitaris, Nick
Skolloff, Tiffany: Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10;12; Girls' Show Choir 10; Dance Team 9-12; Latin Club 9-12.
Slonina, John: Football 9-12; Letterman's Club 10-12; Track 9-1.
Smith, Jenn: Journalism 9.
Smith, Meghan: Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10;1; Concert Choir 12; Girls' Show Choir 10;1; Colorguard 9-1; Key Club 9;10; Latin Club 9;10.





Smith, Michael: Auto Club 9-12; Basketball 9-1; Biology Club 1; FCA 9;10; Football 9-1; French Club 10;1
Smith, Richard: Basketball 9;10.
Smith, Ryan Joseph
Smoak, Aaron: Basketball 9; Football 9; German Club 9-1.
Spadoni, Gregory: Football 9; Hockey 10-12 (Capt. 11,12); Peer As Resource 9; Track 9;10.





Sparks, Kevin: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 10-12; Football 10; Letterman's Club 10-12.
Spindler, Eric: Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 11,12; Pep Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 10-12; Biology Club 12; German Club 9-12 (Treas. 10-12); Honor Society 11,12; Math Club 11,12; Orchestra 9-1; Peer As Resource 11,12; Royal Regiment 9-12.
Springman, Kyle: Japanese Club 12; Letterman's Club 1; Swimming 11.
Stanek, Chris: Biology Club 11; Letterman's Club 9-12; Rotarian 12; Swimming 9-12 (Capt. 11,12).
Stanisiaski, Jaime: Concert Band 9;10; Symphonic Band 1; Cheerleading 9; GVC 9-12; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9-1; Rotarian 12; Softball 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Student Council 9-12.





Stone, Jeffery
Stefanoski, Zarko: French Club 11.
Stogell, Robert: Chamber Orchestra 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Thespians 10-12.
Stoger, Sarah: Dance Team 9-12; Key Club 10; Prom Committee 12.
Stephens, Jacqui: Booster Club 9; GVC 11; Softball 9-1; Spanish Club 9.





Sterns, Christi
Sternberg, Craig: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-1; Symphonic Band 10-12; Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10; Concert Choir 11,12; Girls' Show Choir 11; Orchestra 9-1; Royal Regiment 9-12; Thespians 11,12.
Stewart, Andrew
Stisi, Brian
Stinson, Melissa: Royal Regiment 9-12.








Stonnsipher, Melissa: Basketball 9; Excalibur 11,12; French Club 9-12; Orchestra 9; Wrestling 11.
Strong, Jason: Baseball 9-11; Football 9-12; Kiwanians 12; Lettermen's Club 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; Homecoming Court 12.
Sturm, Justin
Sum, John: Baseball 9,10; Football 9-12 (Capt. 12); French Club 11; Homecoming Court 12; Letterman's Club 9-12; Spanish Club 10; Track 11,12; Prom Court
Summer, Isaiah: Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Pep Band 9- 12; Biology Club 12; German Club 9-12; Honor Society 11,12; Math Club 11,12; Peer As Resource 11,12; Royal Regiment 9-12; Salutarian 12; Boys' State 12; Thespians 11,12; Prom Court 12.




Sylvia, Michael: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9; Honor Society 11,12; Latin Club 9-12; Peer As Resource 12.
Syler, Jeanna: Concert Band 9,10; Marching Band 9-1; Pep Band 9,10; Girls' Choir 9; Treble Choir 9,11,12; Mixed Choir 10; Colorguard 9-1; French Club 10,11; Key Club 1; Royal Regiment 9-12; Track 9; Windfall 11.
Symmes, James
Szalmassy, Austin: Concert Band 9; Marching Band 9; Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9,10; Honor Society 11,12; Student Council 11.
Tarr, Floranna




Thomas, Brandy
Thomas, Tiffany: HERO 12; Spanish Club 11; Volleyball 9.
Thompson, Mickey
Thornberry, Daniel: Concert Band 10,11; Marching Band 9,10; Pep Band 9,10; Mixed Choir 9,11,12; Concert Choir 10-12.
Thornberry, Derek: Concert Band 10-12; Marching Band 9,10; Pep Band 9-11; Mixed Choir 9,10; Concert Choir 11,12; Royal Regiment 9,10.




Tortolano, Jennifer: Girls' Choir 9; Journalism 12; Student Council 9-12.
Tourres, Andrea: German Club 9-11; Key Club 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Showtime 12; Diving 9
Tracy, Ryan: Football 9-12; Latin Club 9-12 (Vice Pres. 11, Pres. 12); Lettermen's Club 10-12; Math Club 12; Orchestra 9,10; Peer As Resource 12; Track 9,10.
Trent, Michelle: Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10,11; Girls' Show Choir 9-11.
Troop, Justin: Football 10-12; Honor Society 11,12; Lettermen's Club 10-12; Math Club 12; Spanish Club 9-11.




Trupnick, Tynan: Football 9-12 (Capt.); Homecoming Court 12; Lettermen's Club 10-12; Prom Court 12
Underwood, Brandon
Unate, Amy: Colorguard 10-12; Honor Society 11,12; Key Club 9-11; Peer As Resource 12; Royal Regiment 10-12; Showtime 12; Spanish Club 9-12.
Vaughan, Kelly: Excalibur 11,12 (Ads Editor); Key Club 9.
Vasabak, Angela




Vetter, Alaina
Villarial, Paul
Vlassopoulos, Morgan: Concert Choir 10; Marching Band 10-12; Pep Band 10-12; Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10,11; Concert Choir 12; Royal Regiment 10-12; Spanish Club 9-12.
Volk, Amber: Booster Club 9-12; Dance Team 9-12 (Captain 12); Kiwanians 12.
Voyles, Lauren

Wade, Kellie
Walsby, Leif: Soccer 12.
Walton, Ryan
Watts, Christopher
Weber, Ed: Baseball 9.





Wert, Terry
Wertin, Connie
Wheeler, Lisa
Wheeler, Marina: Concert Band 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-11; Cross Country 9-12; Japanese Club 11; Royal Regement 9-12; Spanish Club 9,10; Swimming 9,10; Track 9-12.
White, Timothy





Wisinski, Thomas: Auto Club 9-12; Baseball 9-12 (Capt.); Basketball 9,10; FCA 9-12; Football 9-12 (Capt.); Homecoming Court 12; Letterman's Club 9-12.
Williams, Jeremy: Football 9-12; Track 9-12; Homecoming Court 9-12; Mr. Football 12; Honor Society 11-12; DARE Role Model 11.
Williams, Nathan: Biology Club 12; Football 9-12; German Club 9-12; Letterman's Club 9-12; Swimming 10; Track 9,10.
Wirtz, Sarah: Honor Society 12; Spanish 9-11.
Wiser, Jennifer





Woldhuis, Steven
Wolf, Heather: HERO 12; Spanish Club 9,10; Track.
Wright, Angela
Wuslk, Katherine
Yates, David M.



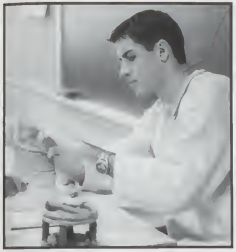


Yoder, Lonanna: Girls' Choir 9; Mixed Choir 10; Key Club 11; Latin Club 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Peer Ac Resource 9.
Young, Alicia: Swimming 9.
Yurwitz, Beth
Zaima, Kathy: Homecoming Court 12; Orchestra 10.
Zamka, Michael: Chamber Orchestra 9-11; French Club 9,10 (Pres.); Homecoming Court 9; Key Club 9-11; Orchestra 9-12 (Concert Master 11); Student Council 9,10.





What will you miss most?



Emilie Etter (12)

"I will miss all of the people I have gotten to know, my friends, and the really fun times I have had with them. I will also miss the formal dances. In general, I have had a great time in high school and I will miss everything about it." Photo by Leslie Hueliat

Lauren Griffith (12)

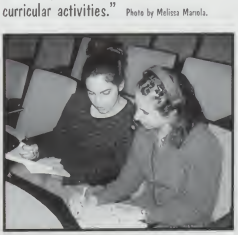
"I will miss my friends and extracurricular activities such as theater. I have had great times in the theater department. I have had some great experiences making new friends." Photo by Melissa Mariola.

Ryan Pope (12)

"I will miss not seeing my friends on a daily basis, my good teachers, sporting events, and fun dances. I will also miss the good baseball program. I remember when I hit a homerun and the great feeling of running around the bases. The whole team went nuts. " Photo by John Bir

Sara Flores (12)

"I will miss the drama department and the music department. Show choir, choir, and the productions are such fun extra-curricular activities." Photo by Melissa Mariola.



Kathleen Lambert (12)

"I will miss seeing all my friends together and the memories like my first prom with Steve Parrish. That night we went to the Second City Comedy Club with a big group of people and Great America the next day. It was a lot of fun being able to spend prom with my close friends." Photo by R. Overbeeke.

Alison Vetter

Remodeling apartments, helping out in soup kitchens and sorting out clothes for the needy was how Alison Vetter and her youth group spent a week during the summer. Alison traveled with her youth group to Charleston, South Carolina for a mission trip. The project that the group was most proud of included the two apartments they remodeled for the Nemeiah House, a shelter for battered women. "I really enjoyed going on the mission trip. I loved helping everyone. The best part of the trip was meeting all the people we helped. It was so good to see the benefits we helped to give those people, especially the children," said Alison. The youth group also planned to go to the Basher Home in March 2000 with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The Basher Home was a home for boys in Goshen, Indiana, where the group planned to spend some time helping the residents.

Alison became very involved in her youth group after attending the First Methodist Church with her parents since birth. Her friends and church leaders encouraged her to join the youth group and become more active in church activities. Senior Katie Lemke was also a member of her youth group and the two became very close friends during the trip to South Carolina. They both planned to go to DePaul University together in Greencastle, Indiana. Having a close friend in the group encouraged Alison to be more active in the group. "Being involved in my church youth group opened my eyes and allowed me to make lifelong friends," said Alison. **-Kim Lambka**

Responsibility governs junior year

For juniors, the school year presented numerous responsibilities. Juniors not only faced the challenge of planning out their future, but they also encountered the obligations of school work and the pressure of being upperclassmen.

Taking time out of his school day to work on homework, Dan Knaga (11) looks over his advanced algebra homework in the library. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Becoming an upperclassmen had its share of advantages and disadvantages. One advantage was the power and instant respect given to them by the underclassmen. "It was great; you did not have to worry about walking through the hallways and getting stepped on," said Brian Young (11). However, there were a few disadvantages. For example, Christa Angelov (11) said, "You were expected to act more mature and set a good example for all the younger kids. You set the tone for the entire school."

Students admitted that the junior year was the hardest since most of the students' schedules included basic subjects such as advanced algebra, chemistry, American literature, and U.S. history. Elizabeth Schmitz (11) said, "Most of my classes required a lot of work and I could not sleep in class."

Eleventh grade was also the time that one usually started to plan his future. With extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs, and part-time jobs, only some students had enough time to begin to plan out their future. "I have already decided on which college I would like to attend," said Emily Steiger (11). However, some future career plans remained unclear. Steiger added, "I did not know if I would like to become a professional dancer or an accountant."

Students commented that junior year was more difficult and more boring than when they were underclassmen. "My freshman year was exciting because everything was new and seemed fun," said Angelov. Schmitz agreed and said, "I was always excited coming to school because I was finally in high school."

In ten years, many juniors would just like to see themselves out of this city. While most were fairly undecided on the specifics, others had greater plans, like Young who hoped to be "rich with a hot wife in California." -**Ashley Mann**

Chris Damjanovic

Seeing your parent in the hallways at school and at home was not unknown to many students. Many times the parent was a teacher or faculty member. Having the parent serve as a security officer and city policeman was slightly different. Officer Milan Damjanovic's son, Chris Damjanovic (11) said, "Being a cop's kid had its advantages and disadvantages."

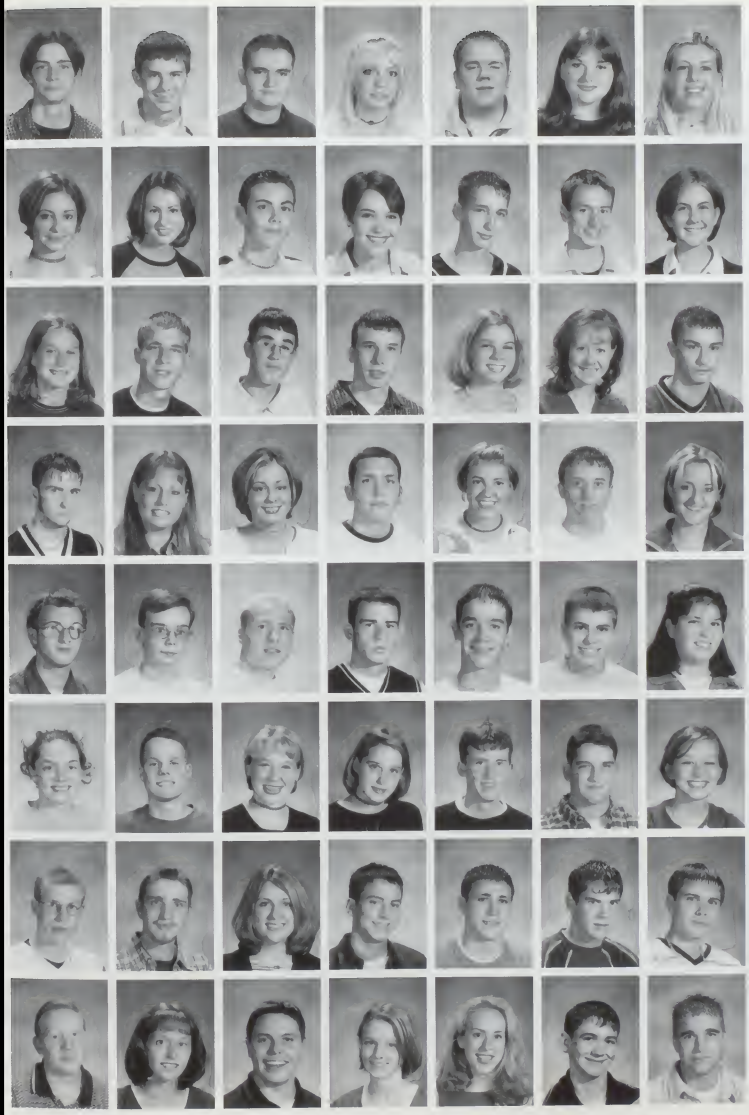
Though it seems having his dad in the school might have been a distraction, Chris managed to involve himself in a variety of activities. "I really only had Sundays off when everything was going on," Chris said. "I also worked a couple of jobs and when concerts came around, we would have extra after-school rehearsals."

Among school activities, Chris was offensive tackle and guard for the football team, threw shotput in track, was a member of the band and orchestra, and was a cheerleader. Having male cheerleaders was a growing trend. When asked about cheerleading, Chris said, "Cheerleading was a lot of fun because the girl cheerleaders were a great bunch of people to hang around with. Aaron Wirtz (12) and I got a lot of flack for being guy cheerleaders, but we did not let it get to us." -**Amy Brown**







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Jennifer Barr
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Joseph Bias
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Adam Bilka
Shannon Bishop

Stephanie Black
Eddie Blockland
Andrew Bodinet
Rod Boesel
Aleksandar Bogev
Scott Bonesteel
Bradley Bonich
Melissa Booker

Nicolette Borys
Melissa Boswell
Matthew Boyd
Jill Bradford
Candace Bright
Bryan Buchelt
Kristopher Buckman
Patricia Burditt

Heather Burke
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Ronald Burzin
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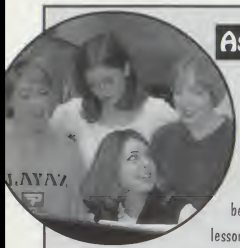


Ashley Bush

Ashley Bush turned her dream of being on stage into a reality when she began taking ballet lessons at age three. She started practicing ballet at Ms. Shirley's in town. Later she evolved her study of dance to include jazz, tap, and modern dance. Ashley's love of the performing arts developed from watching movies such as *Annie, Willy Wonka, The Wizard of Oz,* and *The Nutcracker.* She has also been involved in choir, show choir, and the musicals since her freshman year.

When Ashley was fourteen, she became interested in voice. Taking lessons from Mrs. Hanes increased her vocal capability and expanded her passion for music. Her dedication to singing enabled her to be chosen for concert choir for her junior year. During her freshman year, Ashley tried out for the musical *Oklahoma.* She was chosen to be a dancing girl in the chorus of that production. Ashley's involvement led to a role in *South Pacific* and earned her a lead as Reno in the production *Anything Goes.* One of her favorite aspects of performing was the friends she made. "There were so many memorable things that happened backstage that the audience did not know about. We all became so close," said Ashley.

Ashley's talent allowed her to earn solos in choir and her dedication sent her to Florida to perform at Disney World twice. She participated in a half hour performance of singing and dancing on the Cinderella Castle Stage. Ashley's success in achieving her dream of performing proved that anyone can turn their wishes into reality.

-Kim Lambka

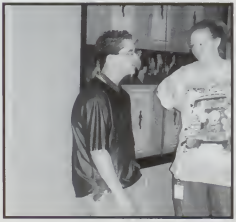
What was your favorite cartoon?

Kristina Chlebowski (11)

"*Scooby-Doo* was my favorite cartoon. All the Scooby-Doo characters were great; however, Shaggy was the coolest. He was just so 'groovy'. He wore those great bell bottoms and that green shirt all the time, but my favorite part was when he said 'zoinks'." Photo by Stephanie Black

Tim Spear (11)

"I had a couple favorite cartoons actually. *The Simpsons* was my favorite cartoon because it contained low-brow slapstick humor with carefully masked rude jokes. South Park, though, was just as good as well because it was so unbelievably sick and twisted at times." Photo by Katie Brehmer



Shaun Harris (11)

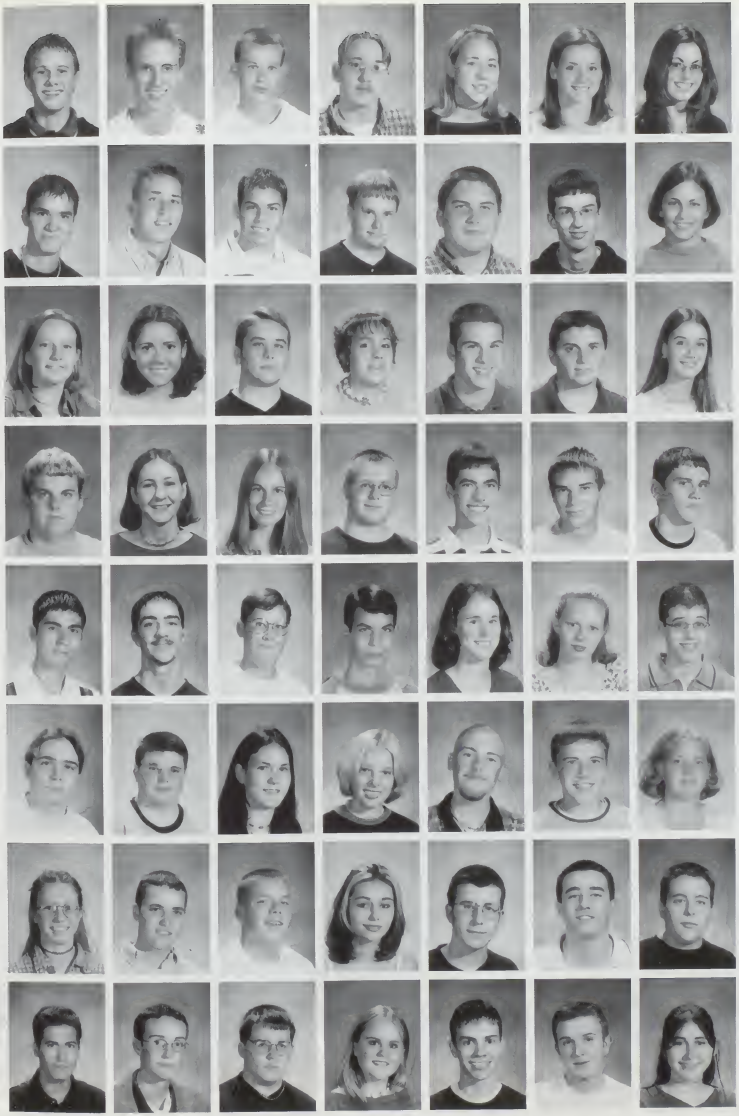
"My favorite cartoon was *Inspector Gadget.* One reason being that I liked the many gadgets. Out of all his gadgets though, I liked his helicopter one the best. I used to wish that I could do that. I used to watched it every day after school." Photo by Katie Brehmer

Bret Govert (11)

"*Tom & Jerry* was my favorite cartoon, because it was so funny and I have watched it ever since I was a little kid. I had thought it was always so cool how they were always fighting each other." Photo by Katie Brehmer

Rich Miller (11)

"*Wiley-Coyote* was my favorite cartoon because he's cool! I started watching him when I was about five. I watched him because of all of the stupid stuff he did. He made me laugh. He taught me to do all the stuff I do today." (with Rosie Dvojacki, 11) Photo by Katie Brehmer



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Nicholas Dimos
Steven Dixon
Michael Doolin

Tance Dordieski
Joe Doria
Robert Doty
Cory Driver
Dala Duffala
Rose Dvojacki
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Kurt Falkenberg
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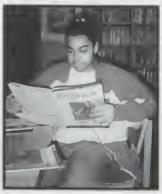
juniors prepare for college through testing

As college and the SAT testing loomed around the corner, juniors grabbed their #2 pencils and headed to the high school for PSATs.

The test was held on an early October morning. Test takers signed up with counselors during lunch and paid a fee of $3.00. The doors opened for testing at 6:15 A.M., closed at 7:30 A.M., and the test took about three hours. Approximately 320 students showed up for testing.



La'Kea Harvey (11) sits in the library looking through an SAT pamphlet. Juniors had the responsibility of researching for colleges as well as placement programs. Photo by Alison Ruess

Along with the testing, came the question of whether or not there was any value in taking standardized tests. Among the varied opinions, some took the test in order to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. "I took the PSATs because some schools look at the scores you get on PSATs and I thought it was good practice for SATs," said Anna Jessen (11). Meanwhile, Tom Mullins (11) said, "It showed schools how much you knew and what you learned in high school." On the other hand, Kelly Manfred (11) said, "Some people were bad test takers, but were very prepared for college."

Juniors also had different opinions on how difficult the test was. Heather Burke (11) said, "It was not as hard as I thought it was going to be." However, Adam Romanak (11) said, "There were multiple words I did not know." Jeanette Rosenwinkel (11) said, "I thought that some parts were difficult because you were not given enough time to think about the answer."

Although many juniors thought that standardized tests were not necessary, most of them recommended that students take them more than once. Jessica Higginbotham (11) said, "I recommended students take it as soon as they could to get all the practice possible." Kim Podowski (11) said, "I would have advised the sophomores to take the PSATs their sophomore and junior year. I thought SATs should have been taken both senior year as well as junior year."

Kristine Rasmussen

The alarm is ringing, you stretch to turn it off, and you turn the television on the the Weather Channel. Knowing what the weather was going to be like was important to many students. Determining whether or not to wear a heavy sweater was an intelligent way to start the day, and Kristine Rasmussen was among the people who liked to watch the Weather Channel. "In 10 years I see myself as a meteorologist, an accomplished cheerleader, and a wife," Rasmussen said.

Being involved in school and showing school spirit described many students. Joining clubs was also a way to spend time. "I was involved in orchestra, choir, Student Council, Spanish Club, Peer as Resource, show choir, the musicals, gymnastics, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). I have also been a varsity cheerleader for 2 years," she said.

Kristine had two adults in the school who she admired. "My favorite teachers were Mr. Jerry Holcomb (social studies) and Mrs. Carol Wilson (English)," she said. To succeed in the challenging classes which she chose to get ready for college, she set some goals. "My goals were to survive AP Chemistry and AP History," Rasmussen said. **-Amy Brown**





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Daryn Frank
Jessica Frank
Melissa Frankovich
Kevin Frazier
Elanda French
Audrey Friant

Ryan Frisinger
Nicole Frost
Bridget Funk
John Ganz
Jacob Gettler
Brian Giacomin
James Gibson
Jamie Giffin

Jason Goffin
Duane Goins
Keith Gorchos
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Lauren Hostinsky

Jerrod Mann

While other people were watching television and hanging out, Jerrod Mann kept himself busy by climbing. Jerrod started climbing when he was 13- years-old. He became interested in the sport when he saw it on TV and wanted to learn more about it. He read up on mountain climbing and finally decided to try it. One time was all it took and he was hooked. Jerrod began by practicing on a tree in his backyard. Then he moved up to indoor gym walls and he even climbed boulders in Alabama. "Indoor walls were a lot easier to climb than outdoor rocks because there were natural and unnatural holds to practice on," said Jerrod. Though Jerrod never took any lessons, he admitted that it would have helped his technique. "I never took lessons, but it would probably have helped a lot. You have to use all sorts of weird equipment," he said.

He enjoyed his hobby, even when disaster struck. "Once I fell off a waterfall at Turkey Run State Park," he said. He had just finished climbing a waterfall at the park when his friend decided he wanted to take a picture of Jerrod repelling down the cliff. He counted to three and told Jerrod to repel down, but he missed the shot. So Jerrod went down again, but this time his feet slipped out from underneath him and he let go of the brake rope. Jerrod fell sixty feet into a lake, but that didn't stop him from continuing to climb.

Jerrod found a unique and physically exerting activity that he could enjoy by himself or with his friends. "Anyone can participate in this sport," he said. Though sometimes dangerous, Jerrod found the sport worthy of his time and energy.

-Kim Lambka

Which dance was your favorite?

Melissa Kallay (11)

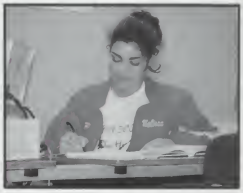
"Turnabout was my favorite dance because my date, Josh Rivera (12) was a fun guy and it was so memorable. The group of people I went with were awesome and Jeremy McGoldrick (12) let us hang out at his house afterwards." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Sarena Ventura (11)

"Homecoming '99 was best because I went with all my best friends and then we went to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. Even though it rained, it was still a blast because we were all together." (with Sarah Podkul, 11) Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Kelly Williams (11)

"My favorite dance was Homecoming because my friends and I had a lot of fun dressing up and dancing. But the best part was after the dance when we went to dinner at the Haniford House in town and no one could stop laughing. It was great!" Photo by Katie Brehmer

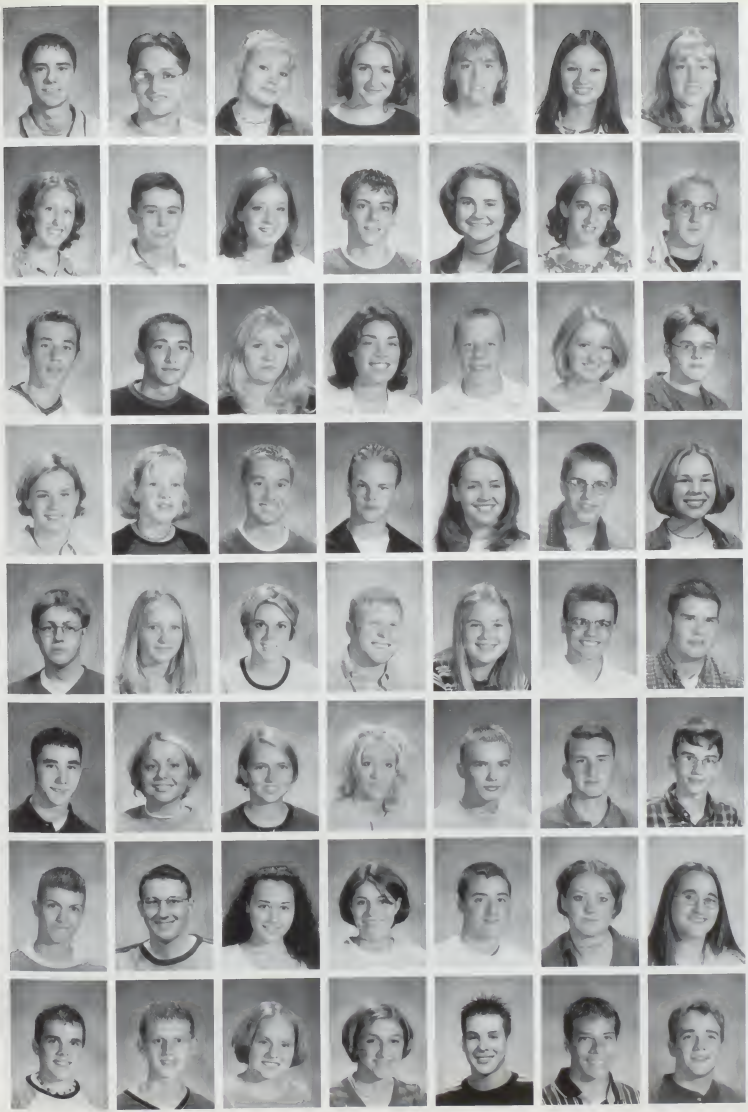


Nikki Luebcke (11)

"Personally, I liked the Turnabout dance better because it was nicer than Homecoming and I thought the music was better. For Homecoming you seemed to end up right back in school again, while at Turnabout you have the opporunity to get together outside of school." Photo by Katie Brehmer

Kelli Morgan (11)

"Turnabout was my favorite dance because I helped with the decorations. As a member of the Booster Club, we developed the theme and decoration weeks beforehand. Then we all went early that morning to finally put everything up." Photo by Kelly Vaughan



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Reasons for ditching class differ among students

Day after day, class after class, school became more and more monotonous. Some students strove to break the monotony by ditching a class or two.

While ditching was against school rules, students still left early, or did not come to school at all. Not all students skipped classes, but for those who did the reasons differed drastically. Jodi McFadden (11) said, "Some people ditched just because it was a Monday and they were really tired." On the other hand, Morgan Darley (11) said, "Some girls ditched to spend time with their boyfriends." While Bob Crister (11) said, "They ditched because they needed a day off and wanted to relax."

At the end of a hectic school day, Kelly Riordan (11), Stephanie Tithof (11), and Lauren Surber (11) exit school. School ended at 2:25.
Photo by Alison Ruess

Along with the joys of ditching came the threat of getting caught. One student said, "One time I ditched school and went to my friend's. Her mom came home so we had to hide in the closet for two hours." While some got caught, one junior said, "There was not a chance I would get caught, I was too smooth."

Along with getting caught came the idea of punishment. The punishment for first time offenders was a one-hour, after-school detention and for second time offenders it was a two-hour, after-school detention. For ditching all day, students were given two Friday school detentions, each three hours long. For a third time offender a student was recommended for expulsion. Though getting caught resulted in punishment, some say it was just part of the fun. Another junior said, "My friend and I wanted to go re-sale shopping and had a great day together. We ditched together and got caught together; this just added to all the fun we had."

Even though school policy was hard on ditching offenders, students continued to ditch. Some escaped unscathed while others suffered with punishment after being caught. Whatever the reason, students liked to take a day off once in awhile. **-Alison Ruess**

Robby Schrum

School was a second home to many students due to the overwhelming number of extracurricular activities open to the student body. Robby Schrum was not only a member of the band, orchestra, choir, and theatre productions, but he also found enough time in his busy schedule to expand his love for Latin.

"I enjoyed Latin from the beginning and Mr. Jeremy Walker encouraged me to join the extracurricular club. I met so many new people and the massive amount of activities that we participated in really drew me close to the club members," explained Schrum. As a member, he partook in service projects, game nights, Certamen (a Latin quizbowl), and state and national conventions.

During the summer before his junior year, Schrum traveled overseas to Italy with the Indiana Junior Classical to tour major cities and monuments of the country. His desire to travel to a foreign country plus the interest to see the Roman empire firsthand encouraged him to take the offered opportunity.

In fact, Schrum had to take the third year Latin course after school with the help of Mr. Walker to continue his studies due to a schedule conflict. He believed his love for the language would keep his studying going throughout high school and college. **-Melissa Mariola**








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Heather Burke

Photo shoots. Auditions. School. Traveling. Homework. All in the life of Heather Burke. Heather was a model as well as a student. "A normal week for me was attending school, gymnastic, show choir practice, fall play practice, spring musical practice, homework, exercising, cheering at both home and away games, catching a movie on the weekends and getting together with my friends. At times I had to meet with agents and other model commitments required of my time," said Heather.

Being a model required giving up time and simple pleasures. "A modeling career required a lot of personal time and commitment. There were photo shoots, portfolios, agent interviews, auditions, seminars, model showcases to attend, contract offers to review, and lots of traveling. On the downside of modeling was the dieting and giving up those chocolate brownies! The exercising and running was also hard to get used to. Although the fun, excitement, and new friends from all over the world made it all worth it," Heather continued.

Heather had been given two contract offers by two different agencies, one in New York, the other in Paris, France. "I was also working with an agency in Chicago. My goal was to do runway and fashion print in Paris and to open an agency of my own someday," Heather said.

Parents and community had much to do with how well one succeeded. Heather added, "I was very fortunate to have parents who supported me. I had good friends who helped me with my dieting and encouraged me. Thanks guys! I auditioned while in Miami for NBC and Mr. Degenhart (English) helped me prepare for my audition. Thanks Mr. Degenhart...you were great." **-Farren Roark**

What would you change?

Mike Kipp (11)

"I wanted people to accept me the way I was. I was different and weird, but I would not change. I wanted people to like my personality and not want me to be someone else. I wanted people to realize that there were more important things than looks." Photo by Katie Brehmer

Sarah Archer (11)

"I would have changed how people stereotyped each other because I felt that there were so many smart and wonderful people who tended to be overlooked. Everyone should have the right to not be critized for showing their true self." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Laurie Leonard (11)

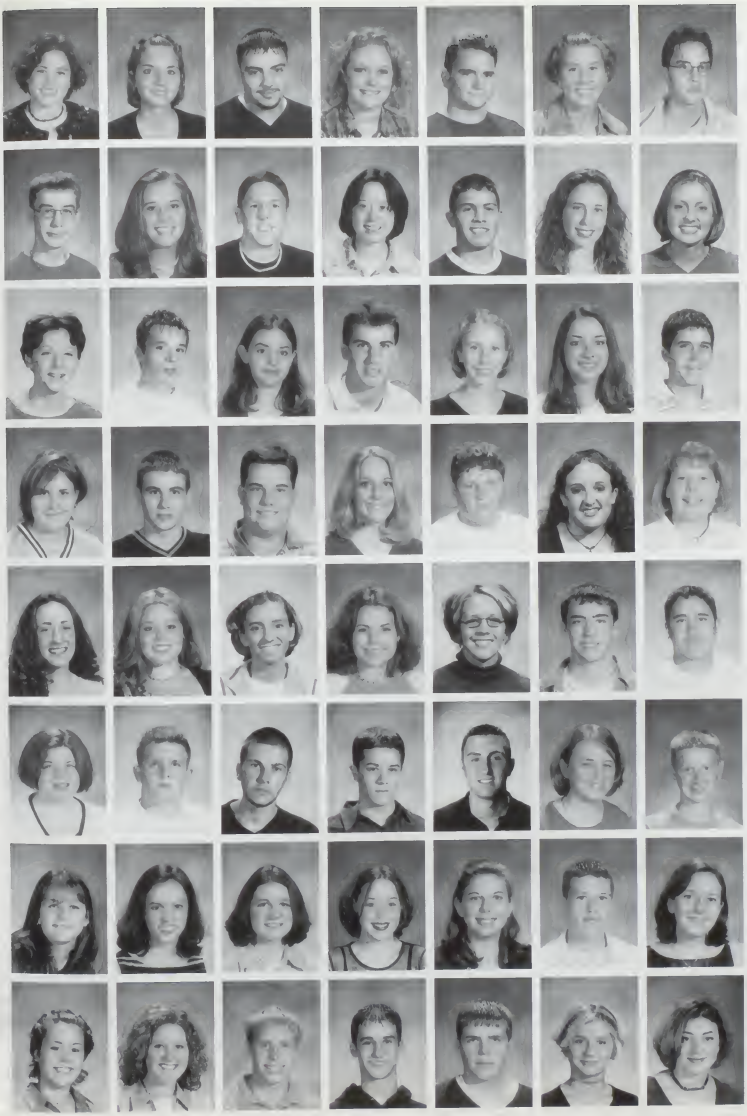
"If I could have changed one thing, I would have changed the way I treated other people for being different and unlike my friends. I would not be so judgemental and I would accept others for what and who they are." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Kristen Williams (11)

"If I could have changed anything in the world, I would have made people less judgemental. I believe that society was too obsessed with what people were on the outside. People needed to reject the norm and take a chance to get to know others before they judged them." Photo by Kate Brehmer

Tiffany Gorecka (11)

"If there was one thing I would change, it would be the quality of schools. I thought that schools should be clean and less muggy. Everyday everything should be cleaned and all the equipment should be updated. I thought there were many great teachers here, but there were also bad teachers too that did not love their jobs." Photo by Melissa Marsala



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siblings share commom ground at school

A shove in the lunch line, help with difficult homework, and rescue from an intimidating senior described the typical relationship between upperclassmen and underclassmen. This relationship was extremely evident when underclassmen and their older siblings had to adapt to sharing the same learning environment. Younger siblings had to face the reality that everything that was once personal would never be personal again.

Bethany Ketcher (11) helps her sister Amanda Ketcher (10) with her science homework. They remained friends in school as well as at home. Photo by Ashley Mann

Some older siblings acted as parents while trying to protect their younger siblings. For example, Jeanette Rosenwinkel (11) the sister of Fred Rosenwinkel (9) said, "I'm the oldest, and I have always looked out for him so he did not get into trouble with the teachers or upperclassmen and so he did not hang out with the wrong crowd." This was often difficult since they only saw each other at lunch.

Others acted more as a friend than as parental units. "When we were at school, we were like best friends," said Bethany Ketcher (11). Bethany and her sister Amanda Ketcher (10) saw each other only once a day during school in orchestra class. Yet, at home they acted like normal sisters. Bethany added, "Sometimes we fought, sometimes we did not." However, in school the girls admitted that they teased each other, but still had respect for one another. "We were able to have fun even when we were around our other friends," Bethany said.

Living together played a big role in sibling relationships. Jesse (11) and Cody Hollifield (9) did not live in the same household. "Our relationship did not change much since we did not have the everyday brother-sister fights," said Jesse. They saw each other about two times daily.

Generally, older siblings seemed to act as guardian angels at school while they acted as aggressors at home. Whether the surrounding environment at school factored into the reaction between siblings or not, all in all, it appeared to be a plus to have someone there to help out.
-Ashley Mann

Tanja Pejoski

Tanja Pejoski kept her culture alive by practicing an age-old art: dance. At the age of nine, Tanja's interest in joining a Macedonian ethnic dancing group began after her friends became involved. The group consisted of sixteen girls and their instructor, John Kuo, who was originally from China but studied Macedonian culture and dancing. Tanja rehearsed every Wednesday at her church, St. Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Church. Wearing colorful, ethnic uniforms and dancing to music native to Macedonia, they performed at Serbian and Orthodox churches throughout the area during holidays.

Participating in the group allowed Tanja to visit Macadonia during the summer of 1998. "This gave my group and I the chance to travel and meet new people," Tanja said. She visited Ohrid, Bitola, the capitol city of Skopje, and her home city, Struga. Her mother and father were born in Struga, Macedonia, and came to America about twenty-two years ago.

Tanja's family and her ethnic dancing group helped to keep a piece of Macedonian heritage alive in American society. Tanja learned the traditions of a rich culture and entertained the old and new generations. **- Kim Lambka**

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Joel Roeber
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Anthony Schoeffel
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Wendy Splitgerber

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Elliott Sprehe
Russell St. Myers
Andrea Stam
Donald Staples
Michael Stas
Matthew Steen
Emily Steiger

Elanda French

Along with all the pressures of being a teen, Elanda French (11) also had to deal with the added pressure of married life. When Elanda turned eighteen, she married her twenty-year-old fiance, Joe, with whom she had been engaged to for eight months.

When she came to her parents with her decision, they completely supported the decision that she had made. Elanda and Joe decided to tie the knot because they wanted to spend their lives together. Age did not become a factor because, as Elanda said, "I was plainly in love. And he asked me to marry him."

The happy couple lived with Elanda's parents, but they planned to move out after she graduated from high school. Even though they lived with her parents, they had the responsibilities of paying their own bills. Elanda also took care of the laundry. Although Elanda did not have a job, she was looking while Joe supported them in the meantime.

Although they had known each other for about five years, they started dating in 1998. Elanda stated, "Joe and his friend came over on Thanksgiving night and that was when we started dating."

Most of Elanda's peers viewed her choice to commit and become a wife so soon as a hasty and unique decision, but her close friends supported her and were happy for them. "My friends thought that it was really cool to have a married friend," Elanda said.

After marriage, Elanda's social status changed. Instead of being an individual, she was a part of a couple. "It was 'we' not 'I' anymore," she said.

-Farren Roark

What was your first high school memory?

Jill Bradford (11)

"I remember band camp my freshmen year, throwing Starbursts across the hall to my friends and going to the lobby and playing the spinning game where everyone would spin in circles and the last person to fall won." Photo by Melissa Mariola

Charlie Kuzma (11)

"My first high school memory was walking into school and seeing all the people that were bigger than me. They were all like twice my size. Although finally this last year I was just about their size and I began to feel somewhat normal." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Rhianna Tomaszak (11)

"My first high school memory was that I could not find my fifth hour class and also hearing about the ghost in the gym my freshmen year. Everybody made a big deal about it." Photo by Katie Brehmer

John Dickus (11)

"My first high school memory was when I realized what time I had to get up in the morning; it really stunk. I also remember seeing all my friends that I had not been able to see over the summer." (with Emily Dewes, 12) Photo by Katie Brehmer

Adam "Cookies" Gruszcyk (11)

"My first high school memory was starting football and getting my old nickname of 'Cookies' from Phil Dorin ('99) in the seventh grade. He had asked me if I liked cookies, but even after I had said NO, he gave me the name anyway. It was a good day." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

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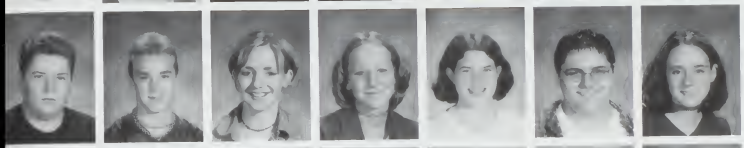

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Religious Diversity Creates Intrique

More and more, students with diverse cultures joined the student body, especially in the younger grades. Sophomores presented a wide range of cultural and religious differences.

Although Christianity remained the dominant religion in the community, some Christian denomination practices, including Greek, Macedonian, and Serbian Orthodox, celebrated important events in a different manner. Orthodox Easter was about a week later than the Easter on the Calendar. Ellen Sistovaris (10) said, "Easter was the most important holiday in our religion. After midnight, we played a game with red eggs where we hid them."

James Ashford (10) agreed, "On Easter, we went to my grandma's and she made food like Spanikopitas." Kera Boog (10) who practices the Mormon faith, refuted preconceived ideas about her religion as she explained, "People think that we believe in having more than one wife and that we do not believe in Jesus Christ. That's not true." Boog added, "We get up at 5:30 a.m. to do seminary which is the study of the scriptures."

As a member of the *Inklings* staff, Asma Khalid (10) helps organize the carnartion sale. Asma covered her head as a part of her Muslim faith. Photo by K. Overbeeke

In addition to the different Christian customs, students of the Islam and Sikh faiths had their special traditions as well. The Islam religion celebrated Ramadan, where the believers fasted each day from sunrise to sunset. Asma Khalid (10) said, "We had a huge celebration, Eid Al-Fitr, where there was eating and presents." About his Sikh religion, Hakeem Randhawa (10) said, "We celebrated the birth of our God, Guru Nanak, in October by having big parties with fireworks." In order to be a traditional Sikh, one had to wear a turbin (hat), karda (bracelet), and carry a karpen (knife). Plus, the cutting of facial and head hair was not permitted.

No matter what religion or culture they were, students and their families tried to keep their religious traditions alive through practice and celebration. **-Ashley Mann**

Ashleigh Robbins

Students commonly spoke other languages...especially if they took classes in Spanish, French, German, or Japanese. Of course many students were first or second generation American and spoke other languages at home. Ashleigh Robbins, on the other hand, differed from most in the fact that her second language was sign language.

At the age of three, Ashleigh's mother, who worked with the hearing impared, decided to teach her daughter the language. Ashleigh explained, "I didn't use it very often, but when I was around a hearing impared individual, the idea that I could talk to them was unbelievable."

At first, her only opportunity to use Sign was when she went to work with her mother. However, she got the chance to incorporate her talent with her other main interest... singing in the choir. "One of my greatest memories was when I signed Silent Night for the Holiday Concert at school," Ashleigh said. Ashleigh also performed on stage in the spring musical *Anything Goes*.

"I figured that this knowledge would be very helpful in my future career by helping me communicate with people who are unable to talk or hear," she added. **-Melissa Mariola**

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Courtney Bright

Have your rules changed?

Kera Boog

As a child, nearly every little girl sat in front of the television and watched the crowning of Miss America imagining that one day she would walk down the runway. For most though, that image was merely a dream; yet for Kera Boog (10) it was a dream come true. "My pageant experience has been a blessing. It has been unbelievable," Kera explained.

Encouraged by her mother at a young age, Kera participated in her first pageant at the age of five in 1989 and received the first runner-up title and was named Miss Photogenic. In November of 1999 after a 10 year absence, Kera once again decided to take part in a pageant. Following all the practice for the interview combined with exercising to keep fit and raising money to pay for registration, she traveled to Crown Point. Kera was not only blessed with the title of Miss Congeniality, but she received the honor of being named Miss Indiana Teen USA 2000 for which she will continue into the Miss Teen USA pageant in 2000.

Along with the work behind the pageant, Kera added, "I loved meeting all the girls. We still keep in touch." Being named as Miss Indiana Teen USA gave Kera the opportunity to speak on behalf of teenagers across Indiana and serve as a role model. **-Melissa Mariola**

Mike Dlugokinski (10)

"After I turned sixteen, my curfew rules changed. When I was a freshman I had to be home at 11:30; sophomore year I could be home at 12:30. I did not have to rush home on the weekends." (with Mike Turner, 10) Photo by Melissa Mariola

Emily Booth (10)

"My parents gave me leeway on when I was allowed home. With an extra year in high school, the activities that I chose to do were more accepted by my parents." (with Amanda Hembree, 10 and Stephanie Gursky, 10) Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Heidi Wolf (10)

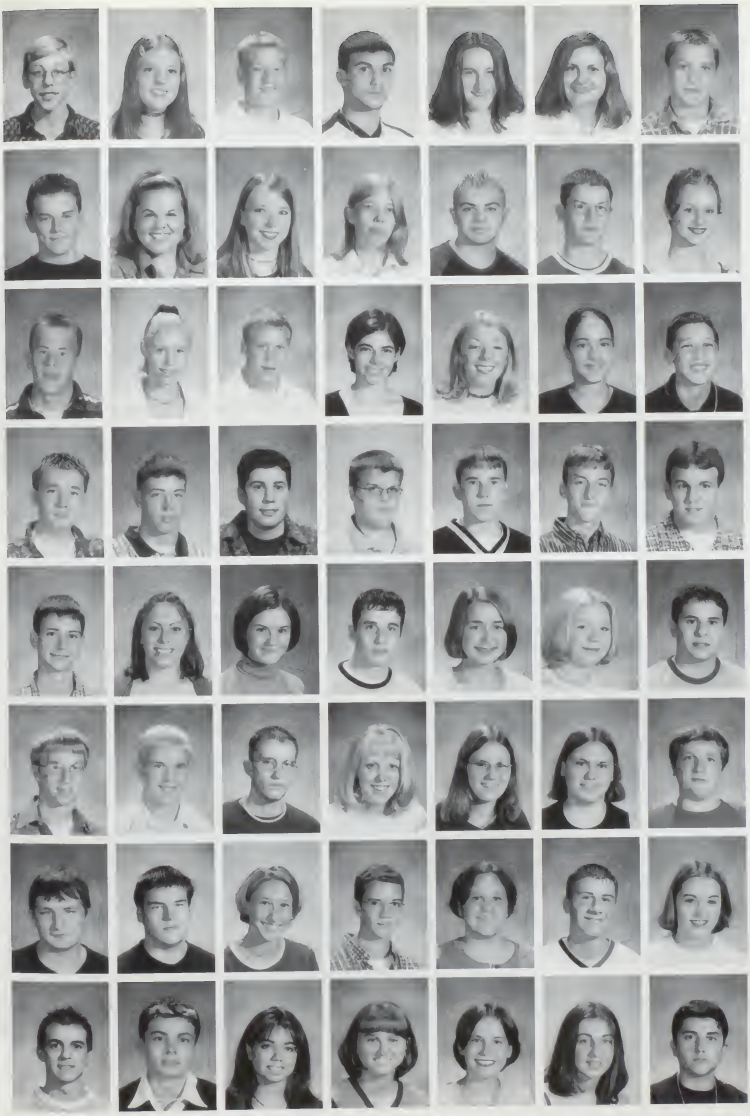
"One of the only rules that changed would be my curfew times. I still wish it could be later, but as I get older, it will change." (with Janel Hennigan, 10, Dana Koedyker, 10 and Ashley Plumley, 10) Photo submitted by Heidi Wolf

Tiffany Klausing (10)

"I got my own car, which gave me a lot of freedom to make my own decisions. My parents were lenient as long I told them plans." (with Joe Micheals, 10, Andrew Russo, 10 and Crystal Sidwell. 10) Photo by Dave Evans of Giolos

Beth Erickson (10)

"Many of my rules have changed since I became a sophomore. One of them was my curfew was extended from 12:00 to 1:00. I also got my license and have more freedom driving by myself. One privilege of being older was being able to drive more of my friends around." Photo by Leslie Huefat



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Daniela Dukleska
Bogoja Dukleski

First Dates Provide Lasting Memories

That first date was often one of the most memorable times in students' lives. They rated it right up their with a first kiss and the first time behind the wheel of a car. "My first date was Turnabout my sophomore year, and it was awesome because I waited until I found the person that I could really like, and our first date became a steady relationship," said Rob Bruno (10). "We still see each other."

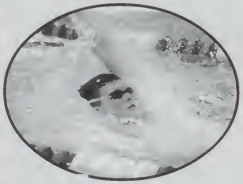
Various opinions existed among the students about "serious relationships" however. Some liked dating around, others wanted the comfort of a steady partner, and still others dated around in order to find the perfect companion. Bruno added, "Dating around was important because then you had the opportunity to find someone who had the same interests as you did. That way, it became easier to know when you had found the perfect girl."

Tiffany Emrick (10) and Ryan Allen (10) share a moment together at their lunch table. Sharing lunches with a special someone was not often possible due to the five lunch periods. Photo by Melissa Mariola

On the first date everyone was a little tense and Daddys sometimes grilled their little girls' dates while Moms wondered why their little boys grew up so fast. Parents set curfews and often required a complete rundown of where their children were going, who they were going with, and when they would be back. "The best part about my first date was having the freedom to go and do whatever we wanted," said Melissa Burgess (10).

What was the proper dating age? Well, it depended on the views of parents. "I was twelve when I went on my first date. We went for a walk in the park, and we both brought our own lunch. But shhh! My mom doesn't know about that!" said Lauren Hack (10). Samantha Myers said, "I was 14 when I started dating. My parents didn't really care; they trusted me." **-Katie Brehmer**

PaulSchmidt



"I followed my older brother into the sport. My oldest brother taught me a lot about swimming like how to dive and breathe correctly. These are the reason I am such a good swimmer," said Paul Schmidt.

Starting at age nine, Paul Schmidt began his career in swimming. At the age of 12, he won in his age group at state level. Four years later, at the age of 16, Paul began to set goals. Before the conference competition, Paul convinced himself that he would finish in the top eight in the 100-meter backstroke. He ended up winning the 100-meter backstoke and the 50-meter freestyle at conference and set a new conference record.

His success continued at the Sectionals, Regionals and the state competition. "I went all the way to the state finals, and it felt great because last year I did not pass the state preliminaries." Paul placed 8th in the 100-meter backstoke and was also part of the 200-medley relay. As Paul explained, "This was all the result of hard work and determination."

Swimming was not Paul's only activity, but it was his favorite. "I swam because it was fun. No matter how hard it was, I always found time to have fun practicing and spending time with friends (on the team)." Paul reported that he swims for the Hub Swim Club in the off season.
-Melissa Mariola

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Brent Early
Aubrey Easton
Kenneth Easton
Kandice Eich
Laura Ellis






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Jorey Enright
Amy Enslen
Elizabeth Erickson
Tanya Escoe
Nathan Evans
Wendy Falkenburg

Maximillion Farias
Christopher Farley
Tracey Farnsworth
Jordan Fischer
Mark Fleming
Adam Florentine
Jarrod Fodemski

Heather Forney
Daniel Forsythe
Kristin Frank
Jeanette Frankovich
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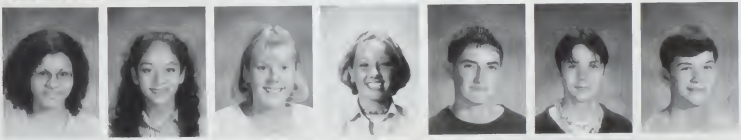

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Kyle Grzych
Jennifer Guard
Stephanie Gursky

Lauren Hack
William Hagarborne
Lauren Hagberg
Steven Hamilton
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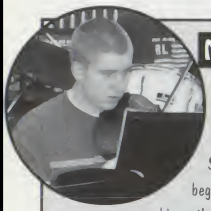

Mike Stanek

Interests form in all ways and at many different times. Mike Stanek's love for music began around 1992 when his mother decided to sign him up for piano lessons after he expressed an interest in the piano that they owned. The lessons quickly led to recitals and competitions and eventually Mike started playing regularly for his church.

"I became involved playing for church almost by accident. We were in seventh grade in our religious education class at St. Matthais Church and Kelly Cowan (10) decided she would volunteer me to play for a Youth Mass. After that they called and asked me to keep playing. Kelly thought it was really funny until she heard I was getting a paycheck for my work," explained Mike.

Practicing about a half an hour a day was a fact of life for Mike. Along with playing for the regular church service, he also found the opportunity to share his talent as a keyboard player in the Contemporary Choir and as a member of the Youth Ensemble with fellow students Andy Wirtz (10) and Ashley Rhodes (11).

Besides church music, a diversity in music was evident in his repertoire. He played everything from Beethoven to ragtime and jazz. Mike said, "I thought playing piano would be a great experience. I've always been pretty good at piano and it gives me a challenge." **-Melissa Mariola**

What was your best memory?

Ashley Wilson (10)

"Football games stand out in my memory of high school. They were so much fun because nearly everyone went. The games never really got boring, and if they did, you always found friends hanging around." Photo by Melissa Mariola

Sarah Myers (10)

"I had so many memories that it was hard to narrow down. I guess that my best memories were from cross country. We had inside jokes between us that made the season fun." (with Liz Lewis, 10) Photo by Dave Evans of Giolas

Katelin Klepsch (10)

"My favorite memory was Turnabout my freshman year when I was with all my closest friends. Afterward, we went to Collen Genetus' house (10) and made so many memories." (with Ashley Mann, 10 and Kara Gora, 10) Photo by Stephanie Black

Kyle Glennon (10)

"When I first got my license, my friends and I ditched school to go to the beach, out to eat, and back to a friend's house for the day. We made so many memories, and I don't regret it at all!!" Photo by Melissa Mariola

Doug Olson (10)

"When I turned sixteen I got my license and that was when my freedom started. My friends and I went out and did whatever we wanted to, and my car helped with my weekend plans. I did not have to rely on other people or my parents for rides." Photo by Stephanie Black

Dana Hernick
Joshua Hiestand
Douglas Hill
Jessica Hitchcock
Christine Hodorowicz
Tabitha Hoefling
John Horst

David Huber
Jenny Hughes
Christa Hupke
Boyd Hurtado
Michelle Husted
Christina Iliff
Daniel Ivanovski

Collette Ivey
Emily James
Heather James
Michael Jamison
Amber Jansson
Christopher Januszewski
Colin Japchinski

Vera Jasnic
Elizabeth Johnson
Daniel Johnston
Gregory Kaminski
Steven Kasianchuk
Matthew Kavalunas
Matthew Kellett

David Kepperling
Amanda Ketcher
Karrisa Key
Asma Khalid
Tiffany Klausing
Kevin Klein
Katelin Klepsch

Ryan Kloss
Eric Knapp
Lisa Knopf
Kyle Knutson
Dania Koedyker
Jamie Kooi
Seth Korzeniewski

Bryan Kowert
Lindsey Kranz
Nicole Krause
David Krick
Nicholas Kristoff
Larry Krumwiede
Stacy Kwilas

Jeffrey Lambert
Lindsey Lambert
Michael LaMere
Megan Langel
Shana Laninga
Sarah Lankford
Karie Larsen

Driver's License brings more freedom

It was usually during the sophomore year that students started to drive. It was a terrific time for students, but a horrific one for their parents. "The first time I drove my parents car I hit the side of our garage and put a dent in the driver side front quarter panel," said Jeannie Frankovich (10).

The parental units made all kinds of rules concerning driving a car, driving friends around in a car, and even riding with friends in a car. Students usually agreed with anything their parents said just so they could get out of the house and be on their own. And sometimes, they ignored the rules. "The biggest rule that my parents had for me and my friends was to make sure we buckled up and drove safely no matter whose car I was riding in and no matter who I was with," said Melissa Burgess (10).

Placing his backpack in the back seat, Josh Rattray gets into his car after school. One disadvantage of driving to school as a sophomore was the ability to find a parking space.
Photo by Melissa Mariola

Parents weren't the only ones with rules about driving. New state licensing rules prohibited students from driving with passengers under the age of 18. New drivers were supposed to follow the rule for the first three months after receiving their licenses. "No one really went by those rules; at least I did not know anyone who did," said Justin White (10).

It didn't matter if students were male or female, all seemed to look forward to driving. However, a few decided to try driving a car before they were quite ready. "The funniest thing that happened to me was when my older sister asked me to back the car out of the garage and, well, I didn't know how to drive, and I didn't know where the break was. So you could guess how that went," said Lauren Hack (10). **-Katie Brehmer**

Kathy Shaw

Sophomore year was stressful enough for most students without the added pressure of extracurricular activities. Yet, Kathy Shaw (10) took on the overwhelming task of keeping up with school work, while also involving herself with the activities offered at school. She explained, "I wanted to be the best I could be, and to do that I had to work hard."

As a member of track, cross country, choir, show choir, and costume crew for drama, Kathy found a new way to share her interests with those around her. "I have been told that I am a really outgoing person. I think that was because I was involved in different things where I got to meet different people whose personalities rubbed off on me," she added.

Joining track and cross country came from Kathy's background in running. She began running at the age of 5 in AAU Track. Also, her experiences singing in elementary school led her to join choir. "Singing was my most favorite thing to do. I sang all the time. Mrs. (Joanne) Borodine (choir) was the best choir director. She became a part of me that I'll never forget," Kathy said.

So what does a girl involved in so much plan to do in the future? Kathy said, "I would like to go to college for choir and drama because they have had the greatest impact on my life." **-Melissa Mariola**

James Larson
James Lebeau
Jamie Lemon
Elizabeth Leonard
Elizabeth Lewis

Rachel Lewis
Carly Link
Kyle Long
Shayne Longozo
Gary Lucas
Thomas Luckey
Heather Lueder

Tiana Lukas
Douglas Machalk
Melissa Machowicz
Todd Macuga
Matt Malczewski
Sidra Malik
Brittany Malloy

Ryan Manley
Ashley Mann
Dana Marlow
Amy Marsh
Bryan Martin
Laura Maurer
Sean McDaniel

Megan McDermott
Shauna McGraw
Patrick McInerney
Adam McKown
Kelly McMahon
Joshua Means
Matthew Melton

Mychelle Merrill
Caitlin Meyer
Jarrin Michaels
Joseph Michaels
Julie Mignone
John Miller
Stephen Miller

Jeffrey Mills
Kara Mislan
Jeniffer Moes
Michael Momper
Richard Moore
Shannon Morfin
Maritza Mota

Patrick Mulhern
Abby Mummery
Patrick Mundt
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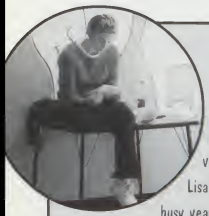

Lisa Diederich

Participating in gymnastics, diving, volleyball, and track kept Lisa Diederich's (10) life busy year round.

Diederich joined the diving team her freshman year because she wanted to try something new. Her decision resulted in going to Regionals her freshman year and then placing 17th at State her sophomore year. Diederich said, "One of the most memorable events was when we won the Merrillville Invitational as a team. It was only diving and we were so excited when we won."

Gymnastics has also been a major achievement for Diederich throughout her life. She started gymnastics at Gymnastics Plus when she was seven. "I decided to pursue gymnastics after my first competition. I loved competing, and I really enjoyed the sport," said Diederich. Her achievements included going to Junior Olympics for Gymnastics Plus and going to State her freshman year for floor exercise. She said, "A memorable event was our last home meet. It was senior night, and it was our first win! It was also the first time this year that we scored over 100 points as a team."

Deiderich had not decided whether or not she would participate in diving during college, but she said it would be a good experience. She thought she wanted to, but still had two years to decide. Diederich said, "I would like to return to State in the future. It was a great experience for both diving and gymnastics." **-Alison Ruess**

How was your sophomore year?

Steven Schelfo (10)

"I thought sophomore year was easier than freshman year because I had less homework. Not to mention, sophomore year did not have as many requirements as opposed to my freshman year." Photo by Rosie Dvojacki

Barb Panizzo (10)

"As a sophomore, the teachers did not baby you as much as they did before. As a freshman I thought classes were hard, but they seemed to be even harder for me during my sophomore year." (with Robbi Hanson, 11) Photo by Dave Evans of Gielas

Nicole Chirillo (10)

"It was more difficult for me to stay in Mr. Kinney's class without getting kicked out. Mrs. Austgen, Ms. Bangsberg, and Ms. Seifert's were hard too, so I guess that really cancelled out the whole day!" Photo by Melissa Mariola

Abbey Mummery (10)

"I thought that there were certain classes that had more work involved in them. Other than those few difficult classes, sophomore year was not much harder for me than freshman year." Photo by Erin Kirk

Andrea Dehner (10)

"My sophomore year was much more difficult than my freshman year because everything we learned was just a refreshment on work from my freshman year. I have forgotten everything that I studied as far back as a freshman!" (with Robert Myers, 12) Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Jason Nolan
Kasia Nurek
Niko Nyenhuis
Katie Nylen
Christopher O'Quinn
Eric O'Quinn
Anthony Oberman

Carl Oldendorf
Mindy Oliphant
Richard Oliver
Douglas Olson
Ryan Orzechowicz
Dale Packard
Jillian Paloney

Aimee Pancini
Barbara Panizzo
Matthew Pasyk
David Pavlides
Stefanie Perez
Michael Perkins
Jason Petalas

Rachel Pezel
Jacqlyn Phelan
Jeffrey Phillips
Jennifer Plants
Ashley Plumley
John Pongsajapan
Holly Potter

Jason Powell
Scott Powenski
Nicholas Preslar
Matthew Pressel
Anthony Pruski
Jordan Putz
Sarah Pyle

Dustin Quering
Harkimran Randhawa
Tiffany Rasberry
Emily Rashin
Joshua Rattray
Kelly Rediger
Adam Reed

Lisa Remlinger
Philip Rendina
Christopher Rettker
Blake Reynolds
Chelsea Riley
Anthony Rivera
Ashleigh Robbins

Evan Roberts
Michael Roccaforte
Connie Rodriguez
Adam Rogala
Tiffany Rowan
Matthew Ruble
Casey Russell

Sophomores Taste in Music Varies

It would be difficult at dances for a disc jockey to please all the members of the sophomore class since their individual tastes in music varied so greatly. When they were asked about their favorite types of music, they were more than willing to share their opinions.

There were numerous bands and types of music out there and the sophomore class seemed to have all the bases covered. "I liked all types of music, but I really liked heavy metal and musicals," said Melissa Burgess . "I liked classic rock and the song 'Stairway to Heaven' by Led Zeppelin," said Milan Andjelich. Ryan Wilson said, "I really like the song Natural Blues by Moby. He would be performing at the Jamboree in Chicago this summer and I hoped to go." Kyle Long said his vacation in Florida over Spring Break influenced his listening habits. "I liked all kinds of music, but on Spring Break we went to a lot of clubs and after that I liked to listen to dance music," said Long.

Taking a break from her homework , Laura Andreoli puts on some music to relax. Student music collections varied from country to pop rock. Photo by Melissa Manolis

Peer pressure often played a role in the types of music students listened to. For example, it was very difficult to get students to admit they liked country music. However, Collete Ivey said her peers had no influence on her musical tastes. "Whether my friends were around or not, I always listened to what I liked," she said.

With all the variety of music that students listened to, parents were often forced to listen to their childrens's music sometimes too, especially if they played it loudly. "My dad despised it, so I put a sticker on my door that said 'If it's too loud, you're too old.' Then he left me alone, and my mom partied with me," said Jenelle Brosius (10). -**Katie Brehmer**

Dave Davison

Walking down the hallway donning a pair of trendy glasses, Dave Davison (10) reflects the most common conception of a rock star. Maybe it was a little early to call him a rock star, but Dave definitely had the determination to get there someday. As a bass, guitar, and drum player, Dave first became interested at the age of seven. "My sister bought a guitar and started taking lessons, and she would show me all the songs she learned," he said. This interest expanded into a love to play and create all types of music for the numerous bands he had taken part in. He explained, "I tried to use those artists who had an influence on me a lot in the music I wrote."

One of his most memorable experiences was last summer. Dave said, "My band, Left Turn Only, was in the recording studio when this guy asked us to play a gig with his band. So Adam Romanak (11), Zeb McManama, Matt Rettker and myself drove up to Elkhart not expecting much. When we got there, a car was on fire and these people were all sitting around it in lawn chairs. When the guy came on the intercom to intoruduce us, he said, 'Stay after for country bands Ramblin' Hearts and Left Turn Only.' Our music was not even close to being country so needless to say they hated us. It was definitely an experience I'll never forget."

Despite the mishaps, Dave was eager to get on with his music. -**Amy Brown**

Kristine Russell
Nathaniel Sajdera
Kelly Sankowski
Edwin Santos
Richard Sauerman
Dustin Scaggs
Jennifer Schaafsma

Gregory Schatzman
Steven Schelfo
Heidi Scherer
Carly Schilling
Shanna Schmelter
Christine Schmidt
Paul Schmidt

Danielle Schott
Eric Schultz
Christopher Seleski
Kevin Sendre
Brianey Seneczko
Kathleen Shaw
Nicholas Shofroth

Ryan Simko
Ellen Sistovaris
Richard Slanina
Cameron Smith
Doug Smith
James Smith
Marc Smith

Rachel Smith
Veronica Smock
Valerie Solomon
Allison Southard
Angela Spadoni
Kayla Spillers
Adam Splitgerber

Joshua Stacy
Michael Stanek
Rachael Stas
Angela Staten
Brian Stokoski
James Stovall
Michael Straka

Nikola Suleski
Meredith Swan
Amanda Swanson
Stephanie Swanson
Kimberly Sykes
Jennifer Symmes
Nolan Szalmasagi

Scott Szymborski
Aaron Thomas
Susan Thomas
Kelli Thompson
Kelley Thorsen
Matthew Tomczak
Simon Trajkovich

Matt Pasyk

Forty degree spins, back flips, and front flips were just a few of Matt Pasyk's (10) accomplishments as a snow boarder. While most people spent cold days inside the warmth of their homes, Matt often hit the slopes.

Matt learned how to snow board with his friends in sixth grade by stapling foot straps to sleds and using them as snow boards. He was inspired to try it by watching people snow board while he skied. "It looked more fun than skiing," Matt said. He started taking lessons in sixth grade and bought his first real snow board in seventh grade.

One of his greatest achievements was being able to land a back flip. Matt said, "Ever since I had started snow boarding I always wanted to try one. This year I started trying them, and now I can land them with smooth style and a lot of air."

People may think that snow boarding in Indiana would be nearly impossible to practice, but Matt managed to put time and effort into finding a way. When there was snow on the ground on a weekday, he and his friends would snow board around hills at his house, and on weekends they would usually drive somewhere in Michigan or to The Pines in Valparaiso.

He does not have any hopes of pursuing the sport as a career. "I just want to have fun doing it and get as good as I can at it," said Matt. - **Alison Ruess**

Who was your favorite teacher?

Chrissy Hodorwicz (10)

"I would say that Mr. (Darwin) Kinney was my favorite teacher. He explained in detail to make us understand the 'big picture' as he always said. Although his class was tough, it was all worthwhile." (with Andrea Dehner)
Photo by Melissa Mariola

Kari Durachta (10)

"My favorite teacher was Mr. (Doug) Norris because of the motivation he tried to put into the efforts we made. He did not appear to favor those he coached. In life saving class, we had fun while we also got to learn many skills."
Photo by Melissa Mariola

Janel Heneghan (10)

"I had Mr. (Jeremy) Walker for Latin and he was definiteley my favorite teacher because of everything he did for us. Not only did he have a sense of humor, but he was a great teacher who was always willing to help his students." Photo by Melissa Mariola

Kara Gora (10)

"Mrs. (Carrie) Clements was my favorite teacher. I could tell that she enjoyed being a teacher because of her passion for teaching. She always had exciting activities for us to do that taught us at the same time." Photo by Melissa Mariola

Shannon Morfin (10)

"Mrs. (Carrie) Clements, the Earth Science teacher, was my favorite teacher. I had her as a freshman. She was very helpful and understanding with school activities and homework. Mrs. Clements was also always leniant about the extracurricular activities I was involved in." Photo by Leslie Hustat

Emily Tromp
Michael Turner
Michael Unhoch
Kathleen Van Sessen
Michael Vargas
Douglas Vaughan
Sandy Veljanoski

Amber Vick
Sarah Vickers
Panagiota Vlahos
Alexander Vlassopoulos
Ryan Voyles
Jeffrey Walsh
Rachael Walters

Holli Warneke
Daniel Warner
Christopher Weaver
Georganne Weber
Alexandra Webster
Kathleen Weeks
Nancy Wehmeyer

Kurt Weisel
Randi Welch
William Werline
Jason West
Michael Westerhoff
Justin White
Keith Williams

Trey Williams
Garret Willis
Janelle Willoughby
Ashley Wilson
Billy Wilson
Ryan Wilson
Andrew Wirtz

Ryan Wirtz
Allison Witt
Russell Witt
Heidi Wolf
Joshua Wolfe
Robert Woosley
Kara Wotherspoon

Ashlee Young
Ashley Young
Timothy Zacher
Matthew Zaleski
Shannon Zart
Paul Zato
Rebecca Zaucha

Leonard Zelms
Ryan Zervos
Leslee Zona
Jonathan Zunica
Kristin Zych

Entering high school changes friendships

Coming to the high school brought changes in friendships. Whether students had known each other since kindergarten or met just recently, friends seemed to help ease the everyday stresses of a normal, hectic school day. It always seemed comforting to see the faces of their old friends from Taft Middle School when entering the bigger and somewhat intimidating high school. However, for a few, it was better to just throw out the old and look for the new. "I did not have many of the same friends that I had in junior high. I liked that you could almost start all over. You could make yourself a new person with a new personality, " said Mike Phernetton .

The Freshman Cheerleading Squad smiles for the camera from the back of their truck before the Homecoming parade. Extracurricular activities gave students a chance to meet new friends. Photo by Rose Drajacki.

Growing up brought about personality changes in most people. "I've become more outgoing. It was easier to accept and be accepted when people were more mature and people did not care about popularity," said Heather Fied . "All of my friendships became better when I got to high school, and I had more friends too," said Tony Dittrich. Tiffany Iuritto added, "I became more friendly when I got to high school, so I had more friends and I had more fun. My friends and I were able to go out more, so we were able to get closer."

Friendship required a certain amount of trust from both parties involved. Courtney Shidler agreed. "I liked to make new friends because you got to see how different people do things. None of my friendships really stayed the same, but trust was important."

One difference the freshman noted between middle school and high school included the time that friends could see each other during the day. With the numerous classes, size of the building, and five lunch periods, running into a friend was a difficult endeavor. "I still had most of the same friends. We still talked even though I did not see them very often," said Crystal Krizanek. **-Katie Brehmer**

Renee Rysiewicz

While most kids worked on reciting their ABC's, Renee Rysiewicz (9) began playing the violin at the age of four. Renee showed incredible talent for playing the violin at a young age and because of this she began playing with the Northwest Indiana Youth Orchestra in elementary school. "My teacher, at the time, suggested that I should try out. So I did, and I made it," said Rysiewicz.

The orchestra, comprised of kids from all over Northwest Indiana, practiced Saturday mornings for three and a half hours at the Visual and Performing Arts Center in Munster. In addition to practicing with the orchestra, Renee practiced every day on her own. "I was greatly influenced by my first violin teacher, Florence Gindl. She never really pushed me, and she always believed in me," said Renee.

Although difficult, Renee managed to fit in a few other activities into her schedule. "With all of the orchestras I participated in it was hard to stay active in other things. It sometimes interfered with my speech team competitions and I really couldn't play all the sports I wanted to either," said Rysiewicz. "I really have learned a lot of new things. I enjoyed being in the orchestra very much. It was hard work, and it took a lot of time and dedication, but it was worth it. "

-Katie Brehmer

Josh Ackermann
William Agans
Alexis Aiello
Branko Alavanja
Cristina Alicea
Konstantine Aliferakis
Ashley Amodeo
Catrina Amodeo

Joshua Anderson
Joseph Anello
Lauren Angel
Catherine Argadine
Christopher Arges
Jennifer Arlen
Lauren Armenta
Dan Artis

Michael Ashford
Amanda Ashley
Jennifer Asplund
Richard Atkins
Amanda Auron
Amber Bacavis
Marshall Back
Brandi Baker

Marc Balcitis
Andrew Balicki
Christopher Bane
Brian Bannon
Brett Barker
Brandon Barr
Christina Barrera
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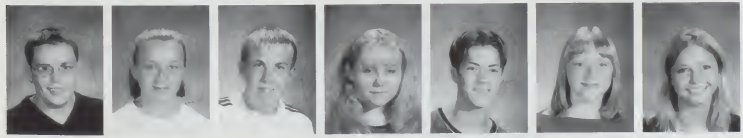

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Lisa Bowman
Cole Brackenbury
Meredith Bradford
Cassie Branon

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Roger Bunch
Christine Burns
Christopher Bush
Troy Bush
Elizabeth Camp

Ashley Campbell
Derek Campbell
Sarah Carr
Courtney Carstens
Kathryn Cartwright
Colleen Cash
Sean Cash
Melissa Casteel

Was high school what you expected?

Nicole Smoljan

"I started playing basketball when I was about four years old. I had no idea if I would make a team or not, but now here I am playing forward," said Smoljan. As a freshman playing on the high school varsity basketball team, Nicole said that she had to show the coaches and other players that she was ready, willing, and able to play as hard as the rest of the girls, and yet she was still able to keep sight of her personal goals for the season. "I just wanted to get better at my game, and I really think I improved,"said Smoljan.

It seemed like as a freshman Nicole would feel out of place on the team, but she said, "It was hard at first, but the other girls helped me out. We all became really close." She also said that the one thing that she had to give up was spending as much time with her friends as she used to. "I practiced about six times a week. Between practicing at my game and working out, that didn't leave much extra time."

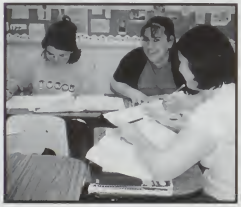
Nicole had no regrets concerning the amount of time she put into her game. "You had to be athletic in your all-around game when playing basketball. It involved a lot of skills like shooting, dribbling, passing, rebounding and also you needed a good attitude. You really had to practice and work a lot for your dreams." She added, "It's always important to work hard." **- Katie Brehmer**

Heather Fied (9)

"I thought it was going to be scary! I was afraid of the upperclass kids, but also excited about the new people. I heard stories about what they did to freshmen, but really they ignored us." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Denise Monroe (9)

"No, it was a lot easier than I thought. Also, because it was a lot bigger, I had a little trouble finding class the first week." (with Tracey Johnson and Elizabeth Hoerning) Photo by Kelly Vaughan



Lindsey Muraida (9)

"Life became more exciting and fun when I came to the high school. Participating in cheerleading was really cool and the dances and other school events were fun too." Photo by John Bir

Mike Phernetton (9)

"I thought that the kids here would try to act as though they owned the school. I also thought we'd have more time to talk than we do." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Jessica Schultz (9)

"I thought that high school would be much harder, but I had really good teachers so I think it became easier for me. It was also a great environment and I found that it was much easier to make new friends." (with Julia Donaldson and Tia Karagianidis) Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Andrew Certa
Aaron Chandler
Alison Chepela
Erin Chick
David Clayton
Joel Cook

Aimee Cooper
Mark Cooper
Scott Cooper
Emily Corbin
Nicole Coros
Christopher Cox
Lois Cross

Keri Cuculich
Javier Cuevas
Nicolas Cusack
Violeta Cvetanovski
Keith DAndrea
Sean Daker
Heather Dallman

Kitty Damanskis
Joshua Damjanovic
Bobby Davis
Jenna Dembowski
Sara Deneau
Stephanie Dennis
Jose Desiderio

Danh Dinh
Joell Dixon
Cynthia Dodge
Julia Donaldson
Matthew Donlin
Samuel Downs
Danielle Dravet

Derrick Duffy
Lindsey Dykes
Kara Dykhuis
Sara Dykhuis
Wesley Dykstra
Michael Early
Alyssa Easton

Matthew Eaton
Donna Edwards
Abigail Eenigenburg
Anna Egofske
Scott Ehmke
Nicole Elea
Daniel Ellch

Ashley Emrick
Amanda Endris
Stephen Etter
Jacob Ewing
Allie Fargo
Shannon Farnsworth
Aaron Faulstich

Tabbytha Fausnaugh
Laura Feder
Andrew Fernandez
Michael Ferraro
Heather Fied
Alex Finick
Brendan Foley

Freshman find with freedom comes responsibility

As students grew older, receiving new privileges came along with added responsibilities. Staying out later was just one of those extra freedoms. "As I entered high school, my curfew was extended by two hours," said Courtney Shideler (9). Although with the highlights, also came the downside to the new maturity. "I had to start cleaning the house," said Lois Cross (9).

Making their way to the vending machines, Jill Maynard (9) and Nicole Smoljan (9) share a joke and a smile. Lunches gave students the chance for a break from their daily class schedule. Photo by Rose Dvorjacki

Even in middle school, hanging out with friends was routine. However, in high school the hang outs changed. Instead of going to the park or someone's house, students went to the mall, the movies, restaurants, parties, dance clubs or any other place where parents would not be present. "Going out with friends was fun and so was getting away from parents, but I was responsible enough to know how to stay out of trouble," said Cross. The control parents tried to maintain didn't always meet with approval from the students. "I thought my curfew should have been 11 p.m. It would have been both fair to me and to my parents," said Courtney Shedeler (9).

In addition to the responsibility of handling more freedom outside of school, freshman found that they were faced with more responsibility in school as well. Teachers gave more homework. Students were expected to meet deadlines and there were penalties for late work. Some teachers didn't even accept late work at all. "There was so much extra work to do in high school," said Crystal Krizanek (9). However, Heather Fied (9) didn't mind the additional work. "I enjoyed all the writing and reading," she said.

Whether allowed to stay out later, forced to take on more difficult classes, or asked to do more chores around the house, freshmen began to accept the responsibilities associated with growing up. **-Rosie Dvojacki**

Sean O'Drobinak

High school sports tended to take up an immense amount of time. For freshmen the seasons seemed to run together, especially for Sean O'Drobinak (9). Sean began playing football at the age of six and continued on throughout his freshman year. Along with football, he played baseball. He started playing T-ball at the age of five and worked his way up. "I liked the competition of winning with football and with baseball. I liked how you could be the one person that made the final play that won the game," said Sean.

Talent, discipline, and determination often defined how well a team performed. "My dad pushed me to play the sports I played, and I enjoyed playing them. It was just a combination of skills and determination as well as dedication that helped me play both sports," said Sean.

When Sean was younger he thought of baseball and football as a just game, but as he grew older he started to feel pressure to do well. "I may not have been the best at what I played. Someone could always be better, but it was not always important to be the best to me."

Sean's favorite part of playing sports included the discipline involved to be good. "I am glad that I never gave up. Never give up, always try your hardest and just keep trying in the future," advised Sean. **-Rosie Dvojacki**

Ashley Foreman
Gabrielle Fraire
Megan Frasor
Pamela Frazier
Kathleen Fredericks
Barry Fricke

Maggie Friedericks
Nicholas Friedman
Dimitrius Frudakis
Charles Fry
Nickolas Furto
Amanda Gancarz
Rome Gardner
Nicole Garza

Kristin Gikas
Jennifer Gladdis
Ashleigh Goetz
Ryan Goffin
Nicholas Golumbeck
Leah Goodall
Breonne Goodman
Lindsay Gora

Justin Goranovich
Timothy Gramenz
Cindy Grant
Richard Graves
Andrew Gregor
Tim Grossenheider
Donald Grubbe
Adam Grube

David Guenther
Eric Gulbrandsen
Michael Hack
Adam Halon
Kurt Hanaway
David Hanus
Stephanie Hardman
Brenton Harris

Michael Harris
Amber Hatton
Laura Hawes
Matthew Hawes
Michael Hayes
Lisa Heagley
Ryan Hecker
Michael Hein

Adam Henderlong
Joshua Hendricks
Joey Hescher
James Heuberger
Jamie Hitchcock
Elisabeth Hoernig
Nicholas Hoffman
Andrew Holeman

Lacy Holevis
Gregory Holliday
Cody Hollifield
Ryan Horst
Craig Horvat
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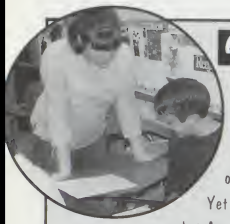
Have your rules changed?



Amy Rieser

How many people think they can excel in a sport while being in it for only one year? Not many. Yet that was exactly what Amy Rieser (9) accomplished. Even though she was not part of the school cheerleading squad, she participated in an out-of-school team called the Gymnastic Plus Cheer (GPC) Panthers. Rieser said, "I decided to become a cheerleader because it sounded fun and the people were very nice."

Rieser added, "Our cheerleading entailed working hard and doing what my coach asked of us." Working hard consisted of practicing six hours a week; however, cheering also provided many fun times. "My favorite thing about cheerleading was the feeling you got when you were performing," Rieser said. The GPC team won many awards throughout the year. Rieser said her most memorable moment was when her team went to Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee, where they placed eighth. They also received first, second, and third in state competitions.

Although she enjoyed cheerleading, Rieser was also involved in dance and ice skating. Unfortunately there were occasional conflicts of schedules and Rieser was forced to choose one over the other. She said, "The one thing cheerleading took away was my participation in the ice show." Eventually though, Rieser added that she would definitely like to cheer in college. -**Ashley Mann**

Laura Hawes (9)

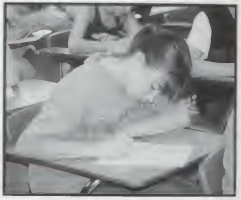
"I thought high school contrasted from junior high because of the way the teachers treated you and your relationship with your friends differed. I made many new friends." Photo by Rose Drejacki

Craig Lozanovski (9)

"When I entered high school, some of my rules began to change. My curfew became later my freshman year so that I could stay out until whenever on weekends with whoever I chose." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Dan Ellch (9)

"I had much more freedom in high school than in I did in middle school. As I became older and entered high school, my parents allowed me to go out more often on the weekends and during the school week." Photo by John Bir



Kitty Damanskis (9)

"My curfew was 11 p.m. My mom was more strict in high school because she worried about who I was with and where I was going." (with Megan Reid, Angie Tsikouris, and Allision Isailovich) Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Kim Bieker (9)

"Being in high school gave me more freedom and it was diverse. In high school there were more electives. I could take more art classes along with the required classes. Also there was a swimming team here. There was not one in junior high." Photo by Rose Drejacki

Justin Jenkins
Heather Jessop
Jeffrey Jillson
Tracy Johnson
Jeff Jones
Stefanie Jovanoski

Aleksandra Joveska
Aaron Juarez
Matthew Junkens
Thomas Juskevice
Scott Kaiser
Tia Karagianidis
Bradley Karczewski

Jeffrey Kardelis
Kevin Kasch
Chauncey Kasmark
Ravinder Kaur
Aubrey Kemmerly
David Kerbs
Julie Kiger

Megan Kijewski
Steven Klein
Edward Klingberg
Ryan Klobucar
Jessica Koscielniak
Robert Kozel
Jonathan Krajci

Adam Krajewski
Marc Krause
Crystal Krizanek
Thad Krupa
Zuzana Kubicova
Daniel Kundrat
Wendy Kurcz

Christopher Kutanovski
Mindy Lakich
Benjamin Landis
Stephanie Lanigan
Goce Lazoski
Nikki Lee
Timothy Lee

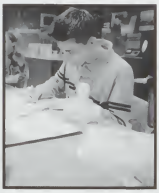
Stephanie Leigh
Katrina Lessner
Caitlin Lincourt
Elizabeth Lisican
James Little
Katherine Logreco
Heather Loosemore

Kristina Louttit
Craig Lozanovski
Nikola Lozevski
Lindsey Mabry
Brian Macchia
Ashley Madajczyk
Ryan Madajczyk

Zachary Mako
Peggy Maleckar
Matt Maloney
Steven Marino
Temple Martin
Coriene Mauger
Brian Maxwell

Freshmen take charge of their futures

Since students' interest levels differed, graduation requirements forced everyone to take subjects that they did not personally enjoy. Although some students found algebra and earth science fascinating, others absolutely hated those fields and leaned more towards English, history, or foreign language. "My favorite class was German because I got to learn a different language and culture," said Tia Karagianidis (9). Still others disliked almost all of their freshman courses. Kenny Sneade (9) said, "I didn't enjoy any of my classes accept gym. The others were all boring."



Working on his calligraphy project in art class, Brendon Foley creates the intricate letters on the paper. Foley was in Ms. Duffala's Art I class.

Photo by John Bir

Sometimes however, it wasn't so much the subject matter that made classes engaging, but the teacher who taught them. The teacher's personality played a very important role. "I enjoyed my classes, because I had nice teachers," said Robynn Bisping (9). Jessica Schultz (9) agreed. "I enjoyed most of them (classes) because the teachers were understanding." Also, the teacher's ability to keep students intrigued determined whether or not they liked a class. Dinno Jahovic added, "I enjoyed taking my English class because of the teacher, Mr. (Chad) Bush. He really interested me and made really good points."

The amount and type of work assigned in a class effected its popularity. "Some of my classes were harder than others. In one class you had to do independent work while in others you got to work with partners," said Julia Donaldson (9).

The people in the class made a difference as well. Being in a class and not knowing anyone could be a little intimidating and very lonely at first. However, having someone to talk to or pass notes to made the classes much more fun. "I enjoyed my classes because my friends were in them," said Tiffany Iurillo (9). **-Kelly Vaughan**

Elizabeth Camp

To many, the opportunity to be up on stage in front of their peers did not come across as appealing. However, Elizabeth Camp (9) was an exception. Along with being a member of the varsity dance team, Elizabeth also served as a cast member of the musical *Anything Goes*.

At the age of three, Elizabeth's mother enrolled her in a variety of dance classes including ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, and modern dance. Being involved in dance for so long helped her to become one of the two freshmen girls on the varsity dance team. With all her experience, Elizabeth hoped to continue in the area of dance. She said, "I hope to be in a professional dance troop after high school. Maybe if I am lucky, I will even make it to Broadway." To help in her future career Elizabeth has also participated in choir since the fifth grade.

In ***Anything Goes,*** Elizabeth played the role of Purity, one of Reno's Angels. To be able to portray this character, she rehearsed everyday after school for about two months. Elizabeth said, "I loved to perform in front of people. There was no greater thrill than being on stage." **-Farren Roark**

Jill Maynard
David Mays
Jacob Mc Coy
Elizabeth McBride
Matthew McDermott
Walter Medrano

Danny Mellis
Tara Menscher
Natalie Mengel
Katherine Messing
Stephanie Meyers
Jessica Milby
Adam Miller
Nathan Miller

Chad Mills
Jamie Mislan
Naseema Mohammed
Erin Momper
Denise Monroe
Bradley Mooney
Sabrina Morgan
Sarah Morrow

Michael Mrowicki
Megan Mulholland
Lindsey Murzida
Brian Murphy
Steven Myers
Samantha Narjes
Nikolce Naumcevski
Rachel Nelson

Christopher Nicolaou
Rachel Nix
Karlin Norwalk
Jessica Nowak
Jeffrey Noy
Sean O'Drobinak
Charles O'Lena
Amanda Oman

Lisa Orourke
Daniel Ostrozovich
Danielle Osuna
Daniel Pace
Deidra Paitsell
David Parrish
Sarah Pasyk
Melanie Paulson

Ilija Pejoski
Andreas Pergher
Jamie Perkins
Christine Peterson
Eric Phernetton
Michael Phernetton
Eric Phillips
Daya Pillai

Johnny Pittman
Lou Pitzel
James Ponziano
Laurel Poulsen
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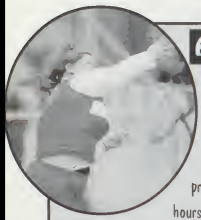


Amanda Auron

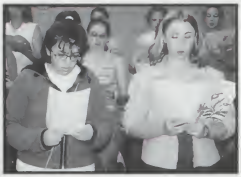
The goal was to win or to try anything to win, according to Amanda Auron (9). "I would practice (softball) twelve hours a day to win," she said.

Amanda played for the Crown Point traveling softball team. She was originally a pitcher, but her team needed a third basemen so she switched positions. People often think they will have to give things up to be in a traveling sport. Amanda demonstrated just the opposite. "I did not have to give up anything to be in softball. I participated in Latin Club, Key Club, Speech team, and on the track team. I also had time to participate in softball." Amanda's time on the softball team has presented her with many opportunities to meet people. "I have met so many friends by staying in softball, and I would not change a thing," said Amanda.

Along with traveling far distances Amanda had to practice two-and-a-half hours a day, three days a week during the season. She had on-the-field practice along with time in the weight room. It also helped that Amanda was a shot putter and discus thrower for the girls' track team. The training for those two events helped her to stay strong and agile.

Amanda said, "To the future students who want to fulfill their dreams; do everything possible to pursue your dreams. Join the clubs, participate in the games, and enjoy life. There's only one per person. People do not get anywhere sitting on the couch staring at Carson Daly all day long." Through her hard work and dedication Amanda believed she had found a way to enjoy life. **-Kelly Vaughan**

Did high school change your life?



Brittney Bucher (9)

"I had more responsibilities. When I came into high school I had to start doing the dishes, laundry and just clean a lot more. I also worried about my grades more. When I started at this school I wanted to make the honor roll. It was really important for me to achieve that goal." Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Danielle Dravat (9)

"I've become more responsible and more mature since I've come to high school. High school is more complicated. There is a lot more work to do in classes and a lot more homework. I've also discovered a way to find out who my true friends are." (with Troy Bush, 9) Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

Lauren Armenta (9)

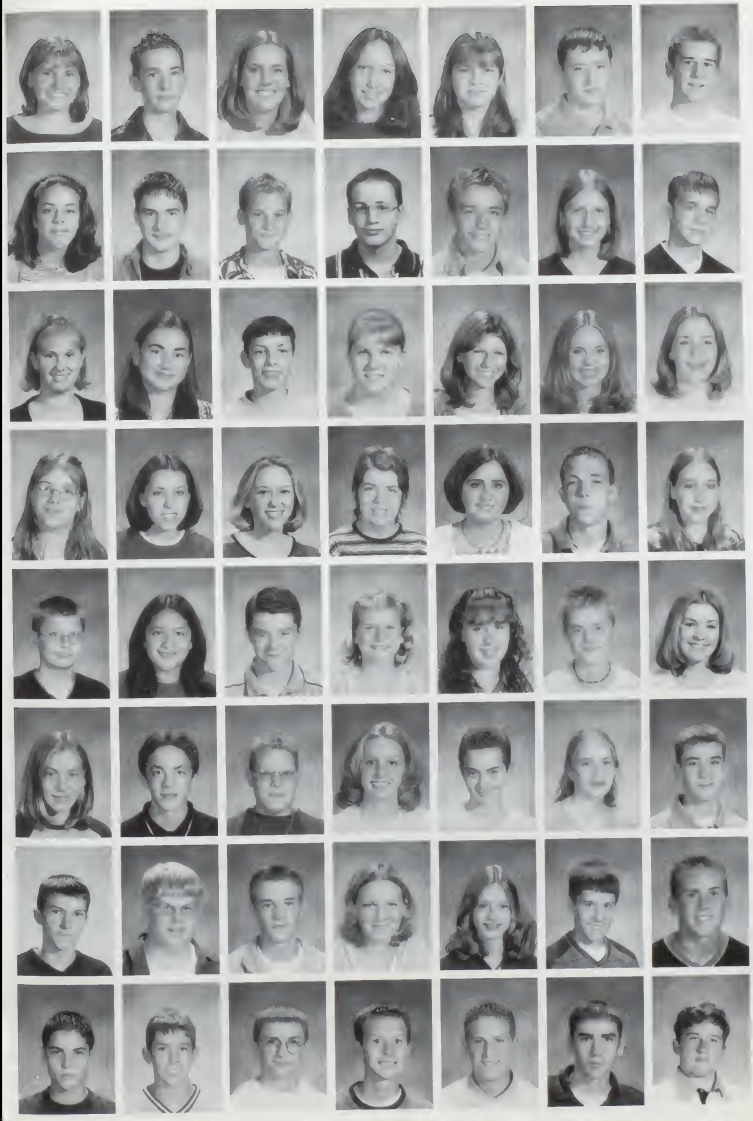
"I became even more mature, but nothing had changed. I still hung out with a bunch of the same people, and I enjoyed most of the same things. My friends helped me make choices and actions. I learned to be more school wise." (with Megan Mulholland, 9) Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Katie Scearce (9)

"I met more people in high school. I didn't know that many people in junior high. I also had more experiences along with many temptations. Everyday I had to face people wanting me to drink and to do drugs, but they couldn't convince me to try them." (with Meghan Robbins, 9) Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Tia Karagianidis (9)

"The teachers were nicer and the homework kind of got harder in high school, but I had less homework than I did in junior high. I also made a lot of new friends this year at the high school. There were a lot of new people to meet." Photo by Dave Evans of Gielas



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Robert Rutherford
Renee Rysiewicz
Joseph Sabato

Taryn Salmi
Bojana Sancanin
Ryan Sandbach
Nicole Sanderlin
Kelly Sapita
Kristin Sautter
Kathryn Scearce

Leslie Schreiber
Sarah Schueneman
Heather Schultz
Jessica Schultz
Ann Scott
Joseph Scott
Elaine Sealy

Branden Segert
Sara Sendejas
William Seydel
Sarah Shebish
Courtney Shideler
Kyle Shimko
Crystal Sidwell

Autumn Sipkema
Paul Skekloff
Adam Smith
Nicole Smoljan
Kenny Sneade
Diana Snyder
Stephen Somers

Geoffrey Sonnenberg
Benjamin Sonntag
Brian Sparks
Sarah Speers
Lauren Spirovich
Patrick Spohr
Aaron Sprehe

Christopher Sprehe
Grant Springman
Joseph Springsteen
Justin Stadt
Joshua Stahl
Donald Stamm
Dylan Stamper

Class of 2003 last to graduate from building

As the freshman class entered the building the year of the millennium, little did they know they would be the last freshman class to graduate from the old building. The decision to build the new school became definite at the ground breaking ceremony in March. The class of 2003 would always remember their times spent laughing and talking with friends, but they would not be able to return after graduation to the same old school as those who graduated before them had done.

The class of 2003 float enters the Homecoming parade. The floats from each class came down Court Street to the Square along with all the other parade entrees. Photo by John Bir

"It was kind of cool being the last class, but I felt jipped because I did not get to go to the new high school," said Cody Hollifield (9). Most of the freshman class had the same opinion, but Matt Thompson (9) said, "I thought that it was pretty cool, because we did not have to start at the new high school."

The freshman thought the present school building needed an overhaul. "I would like to modernize this school. I would make it bigger. It was way too small here," said Drew Gregor (9). Gregor was not the only student who thought the school was too small. Travis Thompson (9) believed that the five lunch periods were way too crowded, but he had a solution. He suggested, "Off campus lunches! It would be fun to have no school lunches."

Students said they would remember various things about the old school and the time they spent there. Danielle Brueck (9) said, "I will remember the good friends that I made here, the good teachers that I had met, and playing basketball and volleyball for the school. Those were the things I liked best about high school." Jamie Perkins (9) wanted to remember it all. "I would try to remember everything because high school was an important time in my life," she explained. **-Kelly Vaughan**







AshleighGoetz

Lending a helping hand at her church, Ashleigh Goetz (9) participated in church skits. "We wrote our own dialogues and action scenes that dealt with situations from today," said Ashleigh. "I helped with the skits to get the main point across to the audience. The audiences were mostly young adults and teenagers. Our skits dealt with issues in today's society, not those from the past or stories from the Bible."

Almost every Sunday Ashleigh and her co-stars did performed short demonstrations that they hoped would convey a religious or moral message. There were about twenty people who participated in the skits. They called themselves the Agape Players. It was a way for Ashleigh and her group to minister to people at their own level.

"Our skits can take a long time to practice. Sometimes we would have to go through it ten times straight to make sure we got it," said Ashleigh. "I planned to continue acting in my skits throughout the rest of high school. "I enjoyed all of our skits, but I really enjoyed playing a freak. I got to dress in freaky clothing. I also got to dye my hair pink. It was really fun," she added. **-Kelly Vaughan**

James Stanford
Matthew Stang
Daniel Stanko
Kimberly Stegall
Ryan Stone
Robert Strehl






Natalie Stypula
Sheena Sum
Jacob Sumner
Amber Sytsma
Jana Sytsma
Andrew Taylor
Angela Tedesco
Milica Terzioski

Jennifer Teske
Chris Thomas
Gregory Thomas
Matthew Thompson
Shawn Thompson
Travis Thompson
Nick Thomson
Rickey Tinsley

Samantha Tobias
Lauren Tokar
Michael Tomera
Lauren Tracy
Riste Trajanovski
Krystina Trimble
Angela Tsikouris
Joseph Ullmann

Kelly Underwood
Katelyn Vanderpol
Malirosa Venegas
Adam Vetter
Giulia Vicari
Jacquelyn Vick
Theodoros Vlahos
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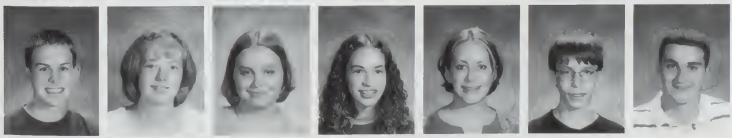

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Leea Yelich
Catherine Yokovich

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Amy Zondor
Juan Zuno

Mike Malaski

"I became interested in music because I liked a girl; she liked a song, and I thought I could impress her by learning it," said Mr. Mike Malaski (English). This was what sparked Mr. Malaski's love for music, and ever since he has taught himself how to play a number of musical instruments including the guitar, bass, keyboard, piano, and drums.

This multi-talented teacher began a one-man band called Mr. Malaski. He recorded the album "Hey Coach" which consisted of eleven songs that he personally wrote and performed. After the album premiered, Mr. Malaski's students were ecstatic to hear the finished product. "I loved the album. It was based on life experiences so the lyrics were easy to relate to. Another impressive aspect of his music was the fact that he did it all by himself," said Jeremy Williams (12). Mr. Malaski said, "The music was kind of a cross between John Mellencamp, the Counting Crows, and R.E.M." Mr. Malaski's personal taste in music included music from Van Morrison, Jim Croce, James Taylor, Tom Petty, the Cure, and the Replacements.

While making his own album, Mr. Malaski also wrote three songs which appeared in the student-produced movie, *Foosh-Min.* The comic-love story about foosball fanatics premiered in March. His songs appeared on the movie soundtrack along with popular bands including Red Hot Chili Peppers, Everclear, and Blink 182. "Due to Mr. Malaski's soundtrack, we probably had a larger turnout at the premiere than we ever imagined. We loved his music and probably would have never made a soundtrack without it," said *Foosh Min's* writer Ryan Tracy (12). Besides contributing to a student production, Mr. Malaski kept himself busy throughout the year. In the fall, he was the head coach of the girls' soccer team, and he also coached the JV. girls' basketball team. In May he held a concert in the auditorium. **-Mary Beth Miller**

Were detentions a good alternative to in-school suspension ?

Mrs. Coral Penzato

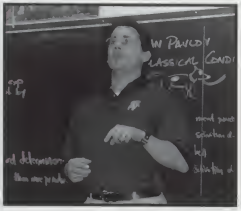
"Yes, because ACC (in-school suspension) kept students out of class where they belonged. It was a greater 'consequence' or 'punishment' to require students to stay after school on their own time rather than on school time."

Photo by Mary Beth Miller

Mrs. Lisa Landgrebe

"No, after-school detentions were not a good alternative to A.C.C since most people did not understand the idea of replacing time that had been lost. Plus, the detention people were disruptive to Safe Haven patrons (in the library)."

Photo by Melissa Manola



Mr. Art Equihua

"I did not really like either. Behavioral science told us that reinforcement should occur immediately after the improper behavior. Neither one achieved this. You could do something wrong and the punishment came a week later!" Photo by Leslie Huelat

Mr. Donald Bernacky

"Yes, I thought that detentions were a good alternative to A.C.C. because it required students to sacrifice what they valued most when they acted out...their own free time." (with Ted Vlahos, 9) Photo by Melissa Manola

Ms. Susan Bertolo

"Yes. If for no other reason, students were no longer missing classes. Also, detentions were less desirable to students, and served as a greater deterent to some of the more common infractions like tardies." (with Jovan Aleksoski, 11) Photo by Melissa Manola

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Faculty Finds Alternative Means to Stress Relief

Imagine that you are sitting in math class and you find yourself struggling with the first problem of a lengthy assignment. You continue to try to tackle the problem, but there is no use. Your desk becomes uncomfortable, your book begins to turn into one big blur, and your head feels like it will explode as you stress out about one little problem. Finally, you gain the courage to ask your teacher for a little help. As you slowly walk to her desk, you see mountains of papers framing her body as she tightly pulls at her hair with clenched fists. You ask her for a few pointers and she sternly says, "Wait until tomorrow to ask questions." Whoa! What is wrong with her? Does she not understand that I am stressing out over this homework? Of course she understands. Students were not the only ones who had to deal with stress.

Fullfilling her duty as Student Council sponsor, Mrs. Paula Barancyk (social studies) examines the club's annual Christmas tree. Being a club sponsor also contributed to teachers' stress. Photo by Melissa Maniala

So what caused stress for staff members? Just about the same issues that caused many students to feel stressed out. "A stressful day for me was one where I was not prepared," said Mr. Art Equihua (social studies). Staff members also felt stressed when they had many deadlines to meet, paperwork to complete, tests to grade, and projects to oversee. Mrs. Coral Penzato (guidance counselor) said, "A day became stressful when there were more demands and needs to be taken care of than time to do them." Mr. Donald Bernacky (social studies) admitted having 160 freshmen a day tended to make him a little tense. Dealing with discipline issues also added to the stress that teachers felt daily. A number of teachers tried to conduct class while students refused to take responsibility for their actions or be cooperative and respectful to one another.

As students relieved stress by doing activities that they enjoyed, teachers did the same. Mr. Kit Degenhart (English) said, "I listened to music. Counting Crows, Broadway musicals, and classsical music helped me to relax." Some spent time with friends or spouses, read, or took long walks. Mrs. Paula Barancyk (social studies) said, "In the fall and spring, working in the garden was my favorite thing to do to relax." Mr. Equihua said, "I ran, worked out, hit a heavy bag, and we picked up a hot tub which usually helped too. I thought it was healthy to relieve stress...I slept better, and was a better teacher, husband,

Denise Buck

Any student would assume his English teacher was native to the language, but for Mrs. Denise Buck, this was not the case. Her father brought her mother and sister to America after World War II. On arrival to America, the family lived on the west side of Gary in a multi-ethnic neighborhood. While growing up, her family only spoke Greek so she went to school and learned to speak English as her second language. Mrs. Buck said, "I do not remember having much trouble with it. Learning English is very easy when you are four years old."

As a child, Mrs. Buck visited Greece when she was nine years old. Mrs. Buck said, "My first visit was quite a culture shock. My parents' home was in a small villiage on the island of Icaria. There was no electricity, indoor plumbing, or television!" During her visit, she attended a one-room schoolhouse with children of all ages. "I was quite a novelty to all the village children," she said. Mrs. Buck pointed out many differences between the United States and Greece. "In Greece, people enjoy a very relaxed life-style. They are not driven by clocks. It is very 'laid back,' and no one is overly stressed," she said.

Who would have thought that a girl whose first language was Greek would teach English? Mrs. Buck said, "I think I decided I wanted to teach English in elementary school. After I learned English, my teachers had me tutoring all other Greek immigrant children. I would interpret Greek to English and English to Greek. Also, I always loved school." Mrs. Buck has since attended Indiana University and has received degrees in education with an English major. She has also been married for thirty years to her husband John, has two daughters Lara and Natalie, and also has a grandaughter Caroline. **-Mary Beth Miller**

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Diane Sykes

"It was the dawn of a new millenium, the beginning of a new decade, a new year, and a new semester. It was time for relection on the past and anticipation for the future," said Mrs. Diane Sykes (art). Mrs. Sykes initiated a millenium project after students and teachers performed an Educational Climate Audit in 1999. She proposed the project after she felt her questions about the audit could be discussed between students and teachers. Mrs. Sykes said, "The purpose of the project was for each individual to make a resolution to help improve the school, emphasizing that everyone can do something, however small, to make the school better." Her aim for the project was to see honest dialogue between teachers and students about school problems. She said, "Communication helps create understanding and respect." After the project was organized, it was presented to the staff and students. "Student responses varied from short to long, passionate paragraphs. Many students felt what they had to say didn't matter, because nothing would be done," said Mrs. Sykes. Students responded to topics including the new school and the offered curriculum. While the entire faculty did not participate, she said, "We did get a good cross section of student responses to share with the faculty."

Mrs. Sykes has taught since 1966, and has worked with students in every grade level. She said, "I prefer high school because I begin to see young adults emerging from childhood." Her goal as a teacher was to create an environment where students could find excitement in learning. "I found that learning new things brought me pleasure and made life more exciting and meaningful, and I wanted my students to experience that." Mrs. Sykes was voted "favorite teacher" by her students in the *Inklings*. In her modest reply to the award, she simply said, "I was very honored to be chosen by the students."

-Mary Beth Miller

How will the internet impact education?

Mrs. Ruth Ann Price

"The internet was wonderful for the foreign language classes. I think reliable sites will provide students with information that will be completly current." (with Kristen Shimala 12) Photo by Ashley Mann

Mr. Jeremy Walker

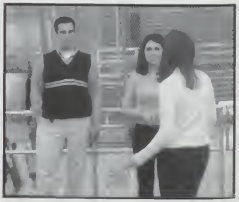
"Our students will be engaged in active collaborations with scientists, government officials, professors, and other experts on a regular basis. The resources available to our students will be limitless." Photo submitted by Jeremy Walker

Mr. James Hardman

"Technology allowed students the opportunity to receive information. Because of technology, many aspects of the teacher will change. Teachers will focus on developing lessons of relevance and enrichment while working with individual students." Photo by Dan McLain

Mr. Kit Degenhart

"It will help and hinder education. It will help with researching and staying connected around the world, but it will hinder because books, newspapers, and magazines will be phased out." (with Ashley Bush, 11 and Heather Burke, 11) Photo by Trey Williams



Mrs. Julia Chary

"I thought everyone would use it as an informational tool which would be good. Some students will use it as a place to have research done and papers produced for them. This development will destroy creativity." Photo by Ashley Mann

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Focal Point

Athletes focus on making points count during seasons

Being an athlete included attending grueling practices in extreme weather, having muscles constantly ache, and dealing with the disappointment of a loss, but the thrill of victory and the satisfaction of achieving personal and team goals made the hard work worth all the pain.

In the fall, for the first time in school history, the football team won at the Brickie Bowl. Also, Jeremy Williams (12) was named the All-state offensive lineman. Williams said, "I felt honored to be named All-state my junior and senior years. I worked really hard to achieve that goal." The girls' golf team sent Rebecca Guess (12) to semi-state where she placed 25th. For the seventh consecutive year, the boys' tennis team **focused** on being the sectional champs while they sent Tim Kacmar (12) for the second time to the state competition.

As winter arrived, the hockey team made their **point** with a 3rd place state ranking. In addition, the girls' swim team set school records and placed at state. Continuing the status quo, the dance team **concentrated** on sychronization to win 3rd in poms and 2nd in kick at state. Team captain Amber Volk (12) said, "Our team was thrilled at the 3rd place in the pom category, but shocked with the 2nd in kick." In another victory for athletics, Ryan and Kevin Wilkinson (11) and Wayne Postlethwait (12) made their way to the state wrestling competition where Ryan received 3rd place. "It was my first time down state, so I really didn't know what to expect, but I was very satisfied with how I did," said Wilkinson. At the end of basketball season, *Hoosier Magazine* **pointed** out guard Sarah Zondor's (11) talent when it named her to the 4th team All-state, and point guard Alex Webster (10) earned an Honorable Mention. Also, cheerleaders were the **center** of attention after they placed 1st in the Windy City Classic and also in the Midwest competition. Ending the winter season, Gymnast Lisa Diedrick (10) made the state competition her main **focus** as she placed 1st in floor exercise.

As usual, spring rains caused cancellations and indoor practices. However, weather didn't stop the girls' tennis team from overcoming their underdog status to win the sectional championship and the first round of regional play, or the boys' golf team from taking 1st place in the Duneland Conference Tournament.

Whether the **points** brought victory or defeat, the record was insignificant as long as the athlete had a **focal point** in mind. **-Mary Beth Miller**

Superior arm strength

Gaining arm control, Wayne Postlethwait (12) attempts to make an offensive move on his Lowell opponent. Postlethwait wrestled in the 215 weight class and ended the season with a personal record of 30-9. He also went to Indianapolis to compete in the state tournament where he ranked in the top sixteen in the state for his weight class. Photo by Dan Hanft of Gleiss

Rising above the competition

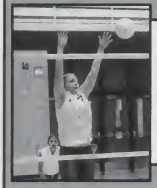
In the air, Rob Galouzis (12) leaps above his West Lafayette opponent to head the ball. Unfortunately, the team lost to West Lafayette 0-3. After leading the team in both scoring and assists, Galouzis was named Most Valuable Player by his teammates. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gialas

What was your focal point during the season?

"I wanted to concentrate on improving my form going over the hurdles and getting my times lower, which I achieved in both the 100 and 300." -Emily James (10) Photo by John Bir

"My focal point for the basketball season was for the team to win as many games as we could. We wanted to end the season with a winning record." -Jim Smith (10) Photo by John Bir

"My goal was to go as far as possible with the team and to go to state as an individual. I wanted to do my best for my team and myself." -Rebecca Guess (12) Photo by Dan Hanft of Gialas



"My goal for the season was to improve on my hitting, blocking, and passing. As a team, I think we all wanted to improve on how we worked together in games." -Janel Heneghan (10) Photo by Dan Hanft of Gialas

"My focus was to keep our streak of sectional titles in tact. It became long enough that no one wanted to be responsible for breaking it." -Tim Kacmar (12) Photo by Dan Hanft

Team Triumphs in Conference

Girls' golf team manages to make it to Regionals and place second in Conference while Rebecca Guess qualifies for semi-state competition.

Competing in the Duneland Athletic Conference, the team had a major victory with a second place finish. "The only disappointment was losing to our rival, Valparaiso," said Jessica Ohlenkamp (11).

Miss Angie Henley (physical education) coached her first full season of golf, and practices moved to the White Hawk golf course. "My greatest achievement was probably doing so well at White Hawk. Other teams had such a tough time," said Jen Koscielniak (12).

The girls reached many of their team and personal goals. Kelley Thorsen (10) made the All-Conference Team, an honor usually reserved for seniors, and Nicole Frost (11) seriously improved her game. Kristen Grompone (11) said, "Nicole was a new member to our (J.V.) team, but toward the end of the year she gained confidence and experience and played in one varsity match." The team also placed first at the Kankakee Valley Invitational. "I was so proud of the team because I knew they were trying so hard for success," said Coach Henley.

The team also shared a few funny experiences. Jen Koscielniak said, "Miss Henley, Melissa Mariola (11), Julie Steinberg (11), my sister Jessica (9), and I were on the sixth hole all smashed together into one golf cart. Jess told Miss Henley she was going to get off the cart, but Miss Henley was not paying attention. Jess jumped off and landed in the middle of the fairway with her bag on top of her. Melissa screamed to Miss Henley about a thousand times. When we all got off the cart, we fell on the ground hysterically laughing and crying at the sight."

With 12 wins, and only 2 losses, and qualification for regionals, the team felt that the season turned out to be rewarding for the entire team. The team received a 5th place and Rebecca Guess qualified for semi-state.

-**Alison Ruess**

For the Record

As a result of playing golf since the age of eight, Rebecca Guess (12) became a leading member on the varsity team. Guess said she was inspired to play by her older sister, who participated in high school and college-level golf. Guess qualified for semi-state as one of the top three individuals in the state. Guess said, "Qualifying was so awesome. It was the best feeling ever, but I was really nervous." At competition, Guess shot an 84 and placed 25th, missing qualification for the second day by one stroke. She hoped to play in college.

Girls' Golf

Head Coach- Angie Henley
Team Captain- Rebecca Guess (12)
MVP- Rebecca Guess (12)
Team Record- 12-2
Conference Record- 2nd place
Post Season Play- 5th in Regionals

While waiting for her turn at the hole, Kelley Thorsen (10) watches a teammate putt. As the number two on the varsity team, Thorsen was selected for the All-Conference team. Photo by Don Janft of Gielas.

Keeping her head down and knees bent, Beth Sabato (12) follows through her swing. Due to a shoulder injury, the team had to pull through certain matches without her. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gielas

While aiming for the hole, Jessica Koscielniak (9) blasts the ball from the sandpit. Koscielniak played as a freshman on the sectional team and traveled to semi-state to support Guess (12). Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

Entertaining themselves before teeing off, Beth Sabato (12) and Jessica Koscielniak (9) manage to balance their drivers on fingertip. Sabato said, "I became close to all the girls. We had many funny and memorable moments."
Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

In-between holes, Kelley Thorsen (10) and Rebecca Guess (12) talk with the opposing team. Both girls qualified for regionals and held the leading scores on the varsity team.
Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

Chipping from the rough, Jen Koscielniak (12) aims for the green. Koscielniak continued her practice by taking lessons at Innsbrook Country Club. Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

Struggling to pass her opponent, Carly Link (10) dribbles for the goal. The girls played West Lafayette and were victorious. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

In desperation, Nicole Nowaczyk (11) reaches for the ball. Nowaczyk broke the school record with fifty-six goals in three seasons. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas .

While dribbling up the field, Kelli Hein (11) makes her way to the goal. Hein held the third highest career assists, 33, in the school's history. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

Joell Dixon (9) maneuvering around her opponent, tries to get possession of the ball. Dixon said, "My best experience this season was scoring in a varsity game." Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

Team Takes 2nd in Conference

Girls' Soccer places ahead of Valparaiso for the first time in the school's history and has four girls named to the All-Conference Team.

With high hopes for tournament victories, the girls' soccer team season began. Though the girls made an unsuccessful quest for the sectional championship, they felt they had a positive season. "I hoped that this year we would make it to semi-state. We did not do that, but I thought we had a productive year," said Alex Webster (10).

At the season's beginning, the girls not only focused on team goals, but they also focused on personal goals. Mary Balmes (11) said, "I wanted to keep all the teams scoreless. It was an almost impossible goal, but one's dreams and goals must always exceed one's grasp."

As the season progressed, the girls faced some tough opponents. They came up against an undefeated, unscored upon Chesterton team; however, Nicole Nowaczyk (11) became the first player to score against them. Though Chesterton won 3-1, the girls felt it served as a learning experience. "Our toughest rival was probably Chesterton, and we lost by two goals, but it was a good game," said Wendy Ellingsen (11).

The team experienced many firsts. For example, the team placed ahead of Valparaiso in the Duneland Athletic Conference and Nowaczyk broke the school's scoring record by scoring fifty-six goals in three seasons.

During sectionals the team again came up against Chesterton again. When it came down to game time, Chesterton was again victorious 3-1. This loss made the only first round sectional loss for the last three years. "We were really disappointed by the loss, but we all played out hearts out," said team captain Megan Hite (12).

When looking back on the season Coach Mike Malaski (English) said, "It was surprising how tough every team was. We played no easy game."

The team also gained a new assistant coach, Mr. Ryan Pentergast, who was a member of the community.

- **Katie Reid**

Girls' Varsity Soccer

Head Coach- Mike Malaski
Team Captains- Heather Mann (12), Becky Erskine (12), Megan Hite (12)
MVP-Mary Balmes (11)
Team Record- 9-5-2
Conference Record- 5-2

Concentrating on the ball, Dawn Cozart (11) prepares to clear the ball to the offense. Cozart has played as a defender and assisted goalie Rachel Peyovich (11) in numerous shutouts. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

On an attempt to pass the ball, Mary Balmes (11) breaks away from her opposition. Balmes was named the team's M.V.P. at the end of the season banquet. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

For the Record

Kathy Kutanovski (11) grew up with soccer, "My dad has been playing soccer all his life so I guess I just grew up watching him." Kutanovski used her background as a strong base. Kutanovski said, "One of my personal goals was to put as much heart and effort as I could into every game and practice." Kutanovski played as a forward and gained recognition from her coaches, as well as others. This was evident since she was named to the All-Conference team. Looking back, Kutanovski said, "We had our ups and downs, but I felt we did a pretty good job."

For the Record

Although often not celebrated, the goalie could arguably be the most important player. Chris Fosnacht (12) played the position for 14 years. He won Honorable Mention All-Area last year and Honorable Mention All-Area and First Team All-Conference this past season. "Making All-Conference was a goal of mine since my freshman year," said Fosnacht. Not expected from a goalie, Fosnacht scored his first goal against Gary West Side. After his senior year, Fosnacht hoped to play for either DePaul or Butler. Over the summer though, he planned to travel to Australia to play soccer.

Stepping in front of a West Lafayette player, Peter Andre (10) takes the ball away. Andre played on junior varsity and later moved up to varsity. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gialas

Since he cannot use his hands in soccer, Dan Smith (11) leaps in the air to block the ball with his head. Smith moved to varsity as a defender and was voted Most Improved Player. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gialas

Soccer Season Disappointing

Hoping to win the conference championship, the Boys' Soccer team fights hard all season, yet in end is unable to attain goal.

With high expectations of winning the sectionals and the conference championship, the members of the boys' soccer team finished the season disappointed. "I think we had a ton of talent, but we could not put it all together," said Sase Joveski (11).

Despite the individual talent on the team, the guys finished with a 3-14 record. "We just did not perform at the level we should have," said Rob Galouzis (12).

Contrary to the record, there were many team highlights. The season started out with a dominant shutout against Lowell. "Our best game of the season was the first game when we beat Lowell," said Brad Kowert (12). After playing against Lowell, the soccer team hoped to continue its success, but had trouble ending up on top. "We did not have the best season ever, but our team played hard," said Brian Hiller (11). In addition, the team played very well against Lafayette Jefferson although they lost 1-0. "We played together that game and our opponent was a 10-1 team," said Chris Fosnacht (12). Towards the end of the season, they won back-to-back games. First, they defeated Michigan City and then they trounced Gary West Side when 11 Bulldogs scored.

After having a rough regular season, the soccer team looked toward the playoffs. During the season they had lost to Hobart 4-2, but many players felt they could beat them in the sectionals. "I knew we could beat the Brickies," said Fosnacht. "We just had to play hard and together." The boys did just that and still came up short losing 4-1.

Most Valuable Player, Rob Galouzis (12) led the team in scoring and assists. Chris Fosnacht (12) also led the team as goalie and was voted to the All-Conference team.

Despite what looked like a frustrating season, the boys said they still enjoyed playing and being part of the team. "Even though we lost often, we had fun during the games," said Jeremy McGoldrick (12). Joveski added, "I loved the team and I had a very good time." - **Matt Phillips**

Boys' Varsity Soccer

Head Coach-Rick Hurey
Assistant Coach- Tom Shoemaker
Team Captains- Chris Fosnacht (12), Jeremy McGoldrick (12), Andy Osvalds (12)
MVP-Rob Galouzis
Team Record- 3-14
Conference Record- 1-6

In the game against Gary West Side Jeremy McGoldrick (12) moves the ball down the field. McGoldrick was a returning starter and was voted Most Valuable Offensive player. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gielas

Forcefully keeping the possesion of the ball, Matt Kellett (10) steps in front of a Lafayette Jefferson defender. Kellet mostly played junior varsity, but also had some time on varsity as a forward. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gielas

Anticipating his opponent's next move, Charlie Frasor (12) waits patiently to steal the ball. Frasor played many positions on varsity throughout the season. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gielas

Aggressively moving the ball, Ben Landis (9) tries to get past a defender. Landis unfortunately broke his ankle, but still received a spot on the sectional roster. Photo by Steve Itoga

High Expectations, Hard Lessons

Boys' football season consists of new records, tough opponents, many injuries, and a visit from Chicago's Channel 2 sports anchor Tim Wiegal.

It is a Friday night like no other. The air is still, the sun is setting, the team's set up on the field. The whistle sounds and it is underway. After eight months of conditioning and 40 hours of practice a week over the summer, football season had finally begun.

The season was not an overall success for the boys, but they did accomplish some incredible feats, including a 46-28 victory over Hobart for the first win at the Brickie Bowl in school history and a spot on the Channel 2 news. Other high points were regular season wins against Valparaiso and East Chicago.

Injuries had a huge impact on the season for the team. It seemed that just when the team was getting into a rhythm, a player would get hurt. "We never had every starter start every game because we had so many players that got injured," said Wayne Postlethwait (12).

After losing a hard fought game against a tough Michigan City team to end the regular season, the team lifted their heads up and prepared for sectionals. "We were a bit disappointed by our regular season finish, but we had high hopes and a good draw for sectionals," said Justin Tromp (12). The team's draw was the East Chicago Central Cardinals, who they had beaten earlier in the season by a score of 35-6. But the Cardinals came into sectionals ready to play, and knocked the team out in a very close game by a score of 38-35. "East Chicago was much improved from our first meeting, but we were a better team than we showed. We definitely should have won that game," said Jeremy Williams (12).

Ending the season with a 3-7 record overall, and a 2-5 record in the Duneland Conference, four players were named to the All-Conference team. Jeremy Williams (12) was chosen as an offensive lineman, John Sum (12) as a tailback, Bret Govert (11) as a receiver, and Jason Strong (12) as a linebacker. In addition, Jeremy Williams was named to the All-State team as an offensive lineman. -**Jeremy McGoldrick**

For the Record

Although the whole season was not as successful as the team had hoped, there were some individual goals reached by the players. John Sum (12) set a new school record gaining 328 yards rushing on fifty-two carries in a single game. "I felt like I was on a mission at Chesterton. I had a goal and I was going to accomplish it," said Sum. Throughout the season, Sum gained 1005 yards rushing on 213 carries and scored eleven touchdowns.

Varsity Football

Head Coach-Dave Egofske
Team Captains-Wayne Postlethwait (12), Jason Strong (12), John Sum (12), Ty Trusgnich (12), Jeremy Williams (12)
MVP-John Sum (12)
Team Record- 3-7
Conference Record-2-5

Along with Dan Quering (12), Matt Phillips (12) breaks through the wall of paper before the Homecoing game against LaPorte. Phillips played in the secondary and led the team in interceptions with three. The game was a disappointing loss. Photo by Leslie Hueler

After gaining the first down against Merrillville, quarterback Ty Trusgnich is flipped upside-down by his opponents. In his first season as the starting quarterback, Trusgnich threw eight touchdowns on 874 yards. Photo by Don Haeft of Globe

Trying to sneak past his Merrillville opponent, Tom Wiscinski (12) grips tightly onto the ball. Along with his fullback position, Wiscinski played linebacker. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

As he is wrapped up by the defenders, Brett Govert (11) attempts to gain some extra yards. Govert was the team leader in pass receptions and receiving yards. He had a total of six touchdowns for the season. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas.

With Casey Klepsch (11) holding the opponent, Jason Strong goes in for the tackle. Strong led the team in tackles with fifty-nine and was named to the All-Conference team as a linebacker. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

In a game against the Merrillville Pirates, Jeff Powers (11) prepares to snap the ball. It was Powers' first year as a varsity player, where he played center and defensive end. He had 13 solo tackles and four tackle assists. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

Scrambling out of the "pocket", Justin Miller (11) tries to find the open receiver against Hobart. Miller threw for four touchdowns and ran for three touchdowns. Photo by Steve Itoga of Giolas

While trying to shake the defender free, Brian Pante (11) fights for those extra yards against Hobart. Pante had three interceptions in the J.V. games. Photo by Steve Itoga of Giolas

Guarding his man closely, Ryan Orzechowicz (10) keeps his Hobart opponent with in an arms reach. Orzechowicz started as a defensive back for the J.V. team. He had two interceptions during the season. Photo by Steve Itoga of Giolas

With Mike Porras (11), Kelly Miller (11) assists in a tackle on a Hobart offender. Miller and Porras led the JV. team in total tackles. Each had two sacks on the quarterback.
Photo by Steve Itoga of Giolas

Winning Streak Opens Season

Freshman team defeats Merrillville for first time in twenty years, while the junior varsity team gains valuable experience for upcoming years.

Freshmen football members came out charging as they won their first four games. The guys had two significant wins in this streak. The first was the game against Merrillville. This was the first freshmen win over Pirates in over twenty years. Coach Scott Vlink (BST) said, "Our win against Merrillville gave the boys some hope for a great season." Their next game was against the Hobart Brickies. The freshman squad was down by a touchdown in the last two minutes of the game. Steve Etter (9) said, "We marched the ball right up the field and scored quickly." The boys were then down by a point, and decided to go for the two point conversion to win the game. The two point conversion was good and the Frosh team won 14-13 over the Brickies.

After the winning streak in the beginning of the season, the freshman team went on a small slide losing four games in a row. However, they got their game back in the last game of the season when the boys beat Michigan City 42-6.

Although there were no real captains on the freshman squad, there were many team leaders. Bob Rutherford (9) led with fifteen receptions, and on the defense, Chris Sprehe (9) was the team leader with four interceptions. Also, Brad Wilson set an example with five touchdown runs.

The J.V. team did not have quite the season that the freshman had, however; they did gain much needed experience. Kelly Fricke (10) said, "The best part of playing J.V. football was getting the chance to move up to the varsity level for some games." There were three sophomores besides Fricke who played on the varsity team, which included Matt Zaleski (10), Mike LeMere (10), and Ryan Zervos (10). Though the junior varsity team only had two wins, they had a good time playing and gaining experience. Matt Beilfuss (11) said, "Of the four years I have been playing football, I had the most fun playing this season." **-Brad Kowert**

Boys' J.V./Freshman Football

J.V. Head Coach-Ray Tarnow

J.V. Team Record- 2-9

Freshman Coach- Scott Vlink

Freshman Record- 5-4

For the Record

Imagine just starting the freshman year of high school, having to worry about classes, adjusting to the different environment, and being the starting quarterback on the freshman football team. Not an easy work load for most, but just another day for freshman Chad Pruzin. Pruzin not only started for the freshman squad, he also played defensive back, wide receiver, and was a backup quarterback on the junior varsity squad. Pruzin said, "I thought that the best part of the season was being able to play both freshman and J.V.".

In a game against the Hobart Brickies Matt Belifuss (11) attempts to change direction. Beilfuss started the season at tailback, but then switched to defensive back later in the season. (center) Photo by Steve Hogs of Giolas

After breaking through the defense, Jim Ponziano (9) runs for a touchdown. Ponziano scored his first touchdown against Portage. (left) Photo by Don Hanft of Giolas

for the Record

Girls' Golf

KV. Invite	1st place
Kenosha	3rd place
Lafayette Jeff. Invite	7th place
Marquette Invite	7th place
Munster	194-197
Lake Central	198-179
Hanover Central	188-260
Andrean	191-209
LaPorte	182-201
Lowell	192-232
Chesterton/Noll	190-233-262
Valparaiso	194-179
Merrillville	194-215
Michigan City	190-223
Portage	176-181
Hobart	181-238
LaPorte Invite	3rd place
Sectionals	2nd place
Regionals	6th place

Varsity Volleyball

Bishop Noll	0-2
Highland	1-2
Hammond Clark	2-1
Hanover	2-0
Elkart	0-2
Merrillville	0-2
Valparaiso	0-2
Lafayette Jefferson	0-2
Lake Central	0-2
North Newton	0-2
Griffith	2-2
Benton Central	0-2
Kenosha	2-0
Chesterton	1-2
Munster	2-0
Valparaiso	2-1
Lowell	1-2
Calumet	2-0
Portage	0-2
Andrean	1-2
Kankakee	0-2
Kilroy	1-2
New Prairie	1-2
S.B. Adams	2-0
Griffith	13-15
Merrillville	0-2
E.C. Central	0-2
Laporte	0-2
Hobart	2-0
Knox	2-1

Sectionals

Hobart	2-1
Merrillville	0-2

JV. Volleyball

Hammond Noll	0-2
Highland	0-2
Hammond Clark	0-2
Hanover	2-1
Huntington North	1-2
McHutchson	2-0
Valparaiso	2-1
Homestead	2-1
Lake Central	0-2
Hobart	2-0
Valparaiso	1-2
Merrillville	0-2
Kenosha	2-1
Chesterton	0-2
Munster	2-1
Valparaiso	0-2
Lowell	0-2
Calumet	2-0
Michigan City	0-2
Andrean	2-0
Kankakee Valley	2-0
Portage	2-0
Griffith	2-1
Merrillville	2-0
Griffith	0-2
Merrillville	0-2
Valparaiso	0-2
East Chicago	2-0
LaPorte	0-2
Hobart	0-2
Knox	2-0

Freshman Volleyball

Bishop Noll	0-2
Portage	2-1
Valparaiso	0-2
Merrillville	0-2
Kenosha	2-0
Hebron	2-0
Lowell	2-0
Andrean	0-2
Michigan City	2-1
Highland	2-0
Lowell	2-0
Lake Central	0-2
Chesterton	2-1
Merrillville	1-2
Lake Central	1-2
Munster	1-2
LaPorte	0-2
Munster	0-2
LaPorte	0-2
Merrillville	2-0

Girls' Golf

Front Row: Kelley Thorsen, Jessica Koscielniak **Row 2:** Jen Koscielniak, Amber Jansson, Melissa Mariola, Coach Angie Henley, Kristen Grompone, Jessica Ohlenkamp, Beth Sabato, Julie Steinberg, Meredith Swan, Nicole Frost, Rebecca Guess

Varsity Volleyball

Front Row: Mary Parker, Laura Warne, Valarie Schweitzer, Katelin Klepsch, Sarah Zondor **Row 2:** Ashley Plumley, Jeanette Rosenwinkel, Jackie Witt, Erin Plumley, Coach Erinn Malaski **Row 3:** Janel Heneghan, Jessica Nance, Ericka Nance, Courtney Sertich

J.V. Volleyball

Front Row: Kelly Cowan, Amy Enslen, Keri Cuculich, Amy Zondor **Row 2:** Allison Issilovich, Armand Graupera, Jill Maynard, Kelly Bielak, Karie Larsen **Row 3:** Lisa Diederich, Lakea Harvey, Katie Reid, Nicole Smoljan

Freshman Volleyball

Front Row: Sarah Pasyk, Lauren Tracy, Kendra Rather **Row 2:** Ashley Foreman, Erin Momper, Coach Donna Tanaskoski, Danielle Brueck, Sara Sendejas **Row 3:** Laurel Poulsen, Temple Martin, Lindsay Gora, Shannon Farnsworth not pictured: Ashley Amodeo

Varsity/J.V. Football

Front Row: John Slunna, Dennis Kumph, Robert Woosley, Robert Bruno, Ryan Orzechowicz, Mark Bohling, Dan Deno, Matthew Breiffass, Kelly Miller, Mike Barringer, Brian Walter, Michael Perras **Row 2:** Wayne Pestlerhwait, Ty Trusnuch, Jeremy Williams, Justin Tramp, Donald Andersen, Josh Zacher, Steve McCalley, David Kruck, Nick Shofroth, Bryce Segert, Ryan Smith, Matt Zaleski, Jeff Powers **Row 3:** Doug Carstens, Eric Schultz, Pat Mundt, Ryan Zervas, Brian Stokoski, Joe Geiler, Crystal Cervantes, Michelle Carlson, Sarah Pyle, James Ashford, Keith Williams Dale Packard, Ryan Allen, Kevin Willinson **Row 4:** Dan Smith, Chris Kwilas, David Vlink, Tom Wicinski, Casey Klepech, Conrad Harris, Bret Gavert, John Sum, Matt Phillips, Brian Ponte, Justin White **Row 5:** Doug Conley III, Justin Miller, Scott Szymborski, Dustin Quenring, Ryan Tracy, Corey Peterson, Kelly Fricke, Tony Schoeffel, Paul Schmidt, Kyung Min **Row 6:** Bryan Buchelt, Matt Tomczak, Mike LaMere, Jason Strong, Derek Hescher, Chris Damjanovich, Dan Quering, Jason Roberts, Dale Wagner, Bill Schmidt, Mark Baumgardner Jr.

Freshman Football

Front Row: Fred Rosenwinkel, Scott Kaiser, Ed Klingberg, Jim Ponziano, Jose Desiderio, Dan Mellis, Steven Etter, Adam Issilovich **Row 2:** David Mays, Marc Bonich, Jeff Jillson, Nick Furto, Rob Kozel, Dan Ostrozovich, Nick Hoffman, Aaron Reimer **Row 3:** Coach Jim Inglehart, Adam Miller, Brad Wilson, Derrick Duffy, Mike Hein, Tim Gramenz, Mark Vlink, Kevin Kasch, Coach Scott Vlink **Row 4:** Jeff Beck, Sean O'Drobinak, Aaron Chandler, Bobby Rutherford, Andrew Gregor, Chris Sprehe, Sam Downs, Jon Krajci **Row 5:** Josh Brovisk, Eric Gullbrandsen, David Guenther, Troy Bush, Ben Sonntag, Adam Wheeler, Kris Kutanovski, Chad Pruzin, Chris Bush

Girl's Soccer

Front Row: Nicole Nowaczyk, Stephanie Black, Kathy Kutanovski, Kelly Davis, Shannon Morfin, Joell Dixon **Row 2:** Amanda Reader, Heather Dallman, Lindsey Lambert, Nikki Aubuchon, Rachel Peyovich, Kelli Hein, Tara Menacher, Autumn Sipkema **Row 3:** Stephanie Jovanoski, Kristen Slepcevich, Heather Mann, Katie Hein, Coach Mike Malaski, Becky Erskine, Megan Hite, Coach Pete Prendergast, Pavlina Papaloski **Row 4:** Laura Mauer, Wendy Ellingson, Mary Balmes, Alex Webster, Dawn Cozart, Carly Link, Kara Gora

Boys' Soccer

Front Row: A. J. Smith, Grant Springman, Nick Camp, Chris Warmelink, Jake Ewing, Andreas Pergher **Row 2:** Ben Landis, Alonso Arambula, Matt Kellett, Brent Brown, Jonas Kassel, Cameron Reeves, Anthony Oberman **Row 3:** Coach Tom Shoemaker, Tim Zacher, Mike Dlugokinski, Peter Andre, Rick Oliver, Chris Seleski, Chris Thomas, Branko Alavanja, Amanda Ashley, Coach Ryan Collier **Row 4:** Matt Pasyk, Steve Dixon, Brian Hiller, Brian Butler, Bryan Buchelt, Chris Fosnacht, Sase Joveski, Charlie Fraser, Jeremy McGoldrick **Row 5:** Rob Galouzis, Andy Osvalds, Brad Kowert, Bryce Segert, Josh Zacher, Tom Sarnecki, Kire Terzioski, Dan Smith

for the Record

Varsity Football

Lowell	21-27
East Chicago	35-6
Merrillville	0-15
Hobart	41-27
Portage	7-29
Valparaiso	16-13
LaPorte	6-24
Chesterton	28-56
Michigan City	20-28
Sectionals	
East Chicago	35-38

Freshman Football

Lowell	49-6
East Chicago	18-6
Merrillville	28-6
Hobart	14-13
Portage	7-12
Valparaiso	6-42
LaPorte	7-21
Chesterton	0-14
Michigan City	42-6

Girls' Soccer

Highland	5-2
Portage	3-1
Andrean	1-2
West Lafayette	3-1
LaPorte	7-0
Chesterton	1-3
Valparaiso	1-3
Griffith	1-1
Merrillville	5-1
Michigan City	9-0
Hammond Neill	1-4
Lake Central	1-1
Hobart	3-0
Munster	2-1
Sectionals	
Chesterton	1-3

Boys' Soccer

Lowell	3-0
Boone Grove	4-6
Portage	1-8
LaPorte	1-2
Griffith	1-4
Chesterton	0-6
West Lafayette	0-3
Munster	1-7
Valparaiso	0-8
Merrillville	1-4
Lafayette Jefferson	0-1
Highland	1-6
Michigan City	2-1
Lake Central	0-7
Gary West Side	15-0
Hobart	2-4
Sectionals	
Hobart	1-4

For the Record

Although Sarah Zondor (11) was a versatile player, her strength as a strong left side hitter made her an important asset to the team, according to Coach Erin Malaski. During the season, Zondor completed over 200 serves and around 100 kills. In addition, she also performed the largest number of attacks, which tallied in at over 400. Coach Malaski believed that playing this sport for three years has been a contributing factor in Zondor's talent and abilities. Zonder said, "My goal for the season was to win the sectionals. This year was a learning process. It was fun for all of us."

Diving to the floor in desperation, Ericka Nance (11) attempts to dig the ball before it reaches the ground as her sister Jessica sets up for the set. Although the girls tried, they still lost to Lake Central 0-2. Photo by Don Hanft of Giolas

Blocking the oncoming spike, Jessica Nance (12) leaps off the ground and reaches for the ball. Nance was a strong presence as middle front throughout the season. Photo by Don Hanft of Giolas

Volleyball Dead Set Against Losing

In addition to acquiring a new coach, the Girls' Varsity team defeats Valparaiso and wins half of their matches.

As August began and summer came to an end, the volleyball season was already underway. A rigorous schedule of two practices per day prepared the girls for the upcoming season which began three days before the beginning of school.

The season started off slowly with losses to Bishop Noll and Highland. However, the team came back with two consecutive wins against Hammond Clark and Hanover the next week. Continuing to have their ups and downs, the girls lost a few and won a few.

At the end of October, screaming fans could not prevent the girls from achieving a victory over Rennselaer. Although the crowd was distracting, the team accomplished an impressive win. "The football team screamed things at our team. It got us pumped, and it was great when we finally beat them," said Valarie Schweitzer (11). Following the victory at Rennselaer, the girls lost a conference game to Chesterton before they came back with a win against Valparaiso.

After losing to Valparaiso in the first match up, conquering them the second time around created one of the season's highlights. In the match, Jessica Nance (12) was a key player accomplishing four kills. "Our best victory was when we played Valpo at home and won in three games. Valpo has always been a hard team to beat," said Ashley Plumley (10).

The team believed that their goal to win sectionals led them to strive harder in the forthcoming games. "Our goals were to take each game one at a time and to win sectionals," said Courtney Sertich (11). The girls were successful in their first round at sectionals against Hobart, but were unable to triumph in the second round against Merrillville.

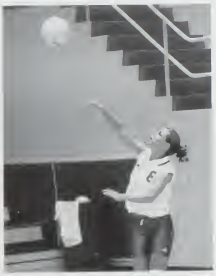
Despite the disappointing loss in the sectionals, the team believed that the members displayed an abundance of talent and enthusiasm for the game. "Everyone was excited and played really well even though our season didn't go as well as we would've liked," said Jeanette Rosenwinkle (11). **-Farren Roark**

Girls' Varsity Volleyball

Head Coach- Erinn Malaski
Team Captains- Erin Plumley (12)
Jessica Nance (12)
MVP-Jessica Nance (12)
Team Record- 8-8
Conference Record- 2-5
Post Season Play- Won first round of sectional against Hobart

Happy over an ace serve, Katelin Klepch (10), Mary Parker (11), Jackie Witt (11), and Ashley Plumley (10) support their teammates. This cheer was traditionally used when a serve was completed and not returned by the opposing team. Photo by Don Hanft of Giolas

To score a point, Courtney Sertich (11) reaches high as she serves against Calumet. Sertich had two kills and a .667 serving average which helped the team win in two matches. Photo by Steve Itoga of Giolas



During the Calumet match, Coach Erinn Malaski confers with her team. Malaski was promoted to the head coaching position after serving as junior varsity coach. Photo by Don Hanft of Giolas

With intense concentration, Janel Heneghan (10) leaps high into the air in an attempt to spike the ball to her Lake Central opponent. Heneghan made her serves count 82 percent of the time. Photo by Don Hanft of Giolas

Team Work Marks Season

Freshman and J.V. volleyball teams find success and improve individual talents to create well- oiled winning machines.

For the Record

Danielle Brueck enjoyed her first year of high school volleyball. She said, "I started playing volleyball the summer before my seventh grade year. My mom thought it would be a good idea for me to play. Almost everyone who played basketball played volleyball too, and they seemed to like it. I'm glad I decided to play." Brueck played middle hitter most of the time on the freshman team. "I thought the season went very well. It was really fun. We (the team members) had a lot of great times together."

First year coach, Armand Graupera attributed the success of the Girls' J.V. Volleyball Team to each team members ability to give100 percent. He said, "Every girl stepped up when needed in a game." Coach Donna Tanskoski felt the same way about the freshman team.

Graupera said the J.V. team accomplished many of its goals. Along with beating Valparaiso, the team also beat two of its rivals; Andrean and Merrillville. In addition, the girls improved with each game played. Graupera said, "I can't really say any one girl was head and shoulders above the others, but the team as a whole improved tremendously."

Freshman team member Kendra Rather (9) believed her team improved with time as well. "We started out really shakey because we had never played as a team before. Later in the season, we started to play as a team and we started to win more and more." Freshman team member Danielle Brueck (9) remembered one great example of teamwork. "I was going to get the 2nd hit and tip the ball over when Ashley Amedeo (9), the setter, went for the ball too. We collided and I started to fall over the center line. She grabbed my shirt and pulled me up just before my hand hit the ground. Talk about teamwork!"

Along with accomplishing goals, the teams both experienced many memorable moments. J.V. player Allison Isailovich (9) said, "The bus rides home were such a blast. I learned so many things that I never knew about my teammates." One occurrence that the J.V. team will never forget happened during a game against East Chicago. "When Nicole Smoljan (9) was serving and hit an E.C. player in the head, we were all trying not to laugh or be mean. I was dying though," said Amy Zondor. "My best memory was when we played against Chesterton and I served 12 serves over in a row," said Rather.

Both teams believed their seasons were successful. Freshman team member Ashley Amodeo (9) said, "Overall, I became a better player and I made more friends. It was a definitely a great season." J.V. player Kelly Bielak (10) added, "By the end of the season I wanted to improve my game and help bring the team together. I think I accomplished my goals the best I could." **-Erin Kirk**

J.V./Freshamn Volleyball

J.V. Coach-Armand A. Graupera
Freshman Coach-Donna Tanskoski
J.V. Team Captains-Katie Reid(110, Kelly Bielak (10),Amy Zonder (9), Lisa Diederich(10)
J.V. Record-16-14

Preparing for the next move, Sarah Pasyk (9) and Ashley Amodeo (9) await the return from a Calumet player. Pasyk was an all-around player and Amodeo was the first string freshman setter. Photo by Dan Hanft of Gielos

As an all around player, Kendra Rather (9) gets ready to spike the ball over the net into Lake Central's court. Rather said one of the hardest teams they faced was Lake Central.

Photo by Dan Hanft of Gielos

In an attempt to block the ball, Lakea Harvey (11) prepares for the return smash. Harvey said, "This season was great. When someone made a mistake, everyone told that person to keep her head up." Photo by Dan Hanft

While using a forehand pass, Allison Isailovich (9) returns the ball. Isailovich said she worked all season to improve her spike. "I finally got my approach down." Photo by Dan Hanf

Spiking the ball over the net, Nicole Smoljan (9) returns the hit to Lake Central's team. Nicole was a middle hitter. She said, "The bus rides home were the best because we shared memories." Photo by Dan Hanft

While anticipating the return of the ball, Ashley Foreman (9) positions herself. Foreman said, "My favorite part of the season had to be the practices because we had so much fun. Coach T. (Tanaskoski) was so cool." Photo by Dan Hanft of Giolas

Chris Horst (12) stretches to return the ball to his opponent in the home meet against Portage. After playing throughout high school, Horst finished his senior year with the record of 14-5. (right) Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

Preparing to return the ball against Munster, Matt Reilly (9) rushes to the net. Reilly played singles on the J.V. team. (below) Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

Mike Ellch (11) swings powerfully to return the ball in a match against Munster. Ellch played doubles with Mike Turner (10) on the varsity team and finished the season 3-3. (above) Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

After the Chesterton match the varsity team huddles together for a brief pep talk. The team won the game with the score of 4-1. (right) Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

Tennis Team Wins Sectionals

The Varsity Tennis team ends a victorious season with an 11-9 record and senior Tim Kacmar qualifies for state competition for the second year in a row.

When most students were still trying to hold on to the last days of summer, the varsity and junior varsity tennis teams were already in the midst of tryouts, practices and matches.

The teams started the season in a slump, but they turned it around against Hobart for their first win. Afterward, the team only lost four matches and went unchallenged for five matches in a row. With confidence high, the team went into the sectionals against Calumet. They won the match 5-0 and went on to beat Griffith for the sectional title with the score of 5-0.

After the success of sectionals the team went on to face Highland in regionals. The team lost 1-4, but Tim Kacmar (12) won in number one singles. This win enabled Kacmar to move on to the state competition. This was the second year in a row for Kacmar to qualify and most of his teammates went to Indianapolis to support him. He won in the first round of the competition, but lost in the second round.

The team finished the year with a record of 11-9. Along with the successful season came fond memories. Chris Horst (12) said, "I'll always remember when I beat the seventh ranked player in Northern Indiana." Jason Stahl (12) said, "The most memorable part was when Dave Meyers (12) and I beat the number one ranked team in our conference."

After the season, the team reflected on the times they spent together. For example, when the team traveled to Indianapolis to watch the RCA tournament, they stayed over night and were able to watch and learn from tennis professionals. Josh Rattray (10) said, "I loved going to Indy and becoming friends with everyone on the team."

The team admitted that though tennis was mostly an individual sport, it allowed for a sense of unity and belonging. Stahl said, "We had a team flag that said "The Holy Order of the Unsharpened Pencil" and we took it to every match." - **Katie Reid and Rosie Dvojacki**

Boys' Tennis

Head Coach- Tom May
Team Captains- Tim Kacmar (12)
Chris Horst (12)
MVP-Tim Kacmar (12)
Team Record- 11-9
Conference Record- 5-2
Post Season Play- Sectional Champs

For the Record

Tim Kacmar (12) was ranked in the top 10 of Northwest Indiana. Anyone else would have seen this as a pinnacle in their career, Kacmar saw it as a stepping stone. He went on from his ranking to win sectionals, regionals, and then compete in the state competition for the second time in two years. At State, Kacmar won during the first round, but lost in the second round. He finished the season 17-5. Kacmar was then chosen to be a member of the Indiana Tennis All-star Team. After his solid high school career, he hoped to walk on to a college team.

With great anticipation, Mike Turner (11) prepares for the service return. Turner said the most exciting part about being a member of the team was the thrill of victory.
Photo by Don Hanft

Reaching for the ball, Jason Stahl (12) struggles to keep his balance. Stahl began playing his freshman year and said his favorite was doubles play. Dave Meyers (12) was his doubles partner. Photo by Don Hanft

For the Record

Chosen as MVP for the boys' cross country team, Evan Roberts broke the 3.1 mile record with a time of 16:46. He also placed 2nd three times and 3rd four times during the season. He said, "I got into running in elementary school. I always won the mile when we ran in gym class, and my teacher encouraged me to get into running." Roberts placed in the top forty runners in the state. Cross Country Coach Keith Iddings said, "Evan was the fastest runner on the team." Roberts' year was cut short however when he had to move in November, but he had plans of running at his new school in Naperville, Illinois.

At the meet against Highland, Evan Roberts (11), Craig Bonaccorsi (12) and William Friedericks (12) pace each other at the beginning of the race. Roberts was named MVP and Bonaccorsi and Friedericks helped the team place at semi-state. Photo by Steve Hogg of Gialas

Trying to stay out in front, Justin Stadt (9) pushes himself in front of some Merrillville and Highland runners. Stadt won the outstanding freshman award. Photo by Steve Hogg of Gialas

Runners Find Good Fortune, Fun

Setting its sights on semi-state competition, the boys' cross country team runs its way through the preliminary post season requirements.

The sun was shining brightly, it was a beautiful day, and there was nothing to do except run three or four miles. Well, that marked a usual day for the boys on the cross country team.

Before the season began, the guys traveled to Wisconsin for a week-long camping trip and summer conditioning. John Carrol said, "We went to Wisconsin to run an ungodly amount of miles." Conditioning was not the only agenda for the summer. The team also participated in some rest and relaxation. Well, maybe not for everyone. "We went to Great America and one of our top runners couldn't 'stomach' Batman the Ride. What was really funny was that he 'unstomached' over an overpass where people stood in line for the ride," said Craig Conaccorsi (12). Scott Quilizza recalled the incident as well. "The fifth ride we went on was Batman the Ride. Before I got on I was feeling a little queasy. To make a long story short, I ended up getting sick all over a lot of people. I had to take it easy after that."

Highlights of the early season included a 7th place out of 25 teams in the Warren Central Invitational, a 3rd place for varsity race in the T.F. South Revel Invitational, and several runners who finished in the top five at the Rensselaer Invitational. However, both the team and the coach agreed that one highlight of the season was the win against New Prairie. "On September 14, we beat New Prairie and they were ranked 10th in the state." Nate Reilly said, "New Prairie was the best meet I had all season."

Another terrific moment for the boys included the post-season tournaments. During the sectionals the team took 2nd place behind Lowell. At the regional competitions, they placed 5th which qualified them for semi-state where they placed 13th. "Although it was not my fastest meet, the best race I ran was at semi-state. I passed about twelve people in the last sprint to finish my last cross country race," said Bonaccorsi. Tony Rivera (10) added. "Just making it to semi-state was one of our goals from the start." **-Rachel Smock**

Boys' Cross Country

Head Coach-Keith Iddings
Team Captains- Kevin Feder (12, Craig Bonaccorsi (12)
MVP-Evan Roberts (10)
Team Record- 9-5
Conference Finish- 5th
Post Season Play- Sectional 2nd, Regional 5th, Semi-state 13th

Go team! And they are off. The members of the Cross Country Team get together to initiate a little team spirit. The team placed 2nd in the Sectionals, 5th in the Regionals and 13th at Semi-State. In addition, they placed 5th in the Duneland Conference meet. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gialas

With a look of determination, Tom West (11) goes for the finish line. Coach Iddings said, "Tom improved his running tremendously this year." Photo by Steve Itoga of Gialas

Breaking out of the pack, Joel Cook (9) gets ahead of the other runners. Cook said, "I will never forget when we got kicked out of Target when we were at camp in Wisconsin." Photo by Steve Itoga of Gialas

Competing in his last season, Kevin Feder (12) struggles to catch his breath. Feder received the Tim Galusha Outstanding Senior Award. He spent four years on the team. Photo by Steve Istoga of Gialas

Runners Place at Semi-state

Young team with a new coach takes it all in the sectionals with help from five returning runners and develops friendships as well.

Opening its season by defeating Munster and closing by placing at semi-state, the girls' cross country team enjoyed a fun and successful season according to its members. The team had many expectations due to the returning runners from the two previous years. However, with six freshmen and a new coach, the team was left with giant shoes to fill. "Coach Witt's success with the program left me with the challenge of maintaining his level of success," said Coach Kelly York (English).

All the girls set goals for themselves. "I wanted to get under an eight-minute mile, but in the middle of the season I sprained my ankle and was not able to run the rest of the season," said Lauren Armenta (9). Coach York said that she had many goals as a new coach, but the most important one to her besides winning included making being a part of the team a good time. "Keeping running fun has always been a goal and I thought we did that," said Coach York. Marisa Wheeler (12) was the only senior on the team. "The goal I set for myself was to run in the top five varsity runners and I did," she said.

Many things make a team besides competing. When not running, the girls spent time together building friendships. For example, the members went "glow in the dark" bowling a few times, visited the beach, went shopping together and even jumped in a lake. "The funniest thing I remember was watching the team jump into the very cold Lake Maxinkuckee after racing at the Culver Invite," said Coach York. "A lot of funny things happened everyday," said Marisa Wheeler. "My favorite thing that we did was going to the summer workouts. I got to know the girls much better," she added

The girls had a great finish for the season. They first of all won the sectional championship title and in doing so qualified for regionals where they finished in 5th place. Next, they attended the semi-state meet in New Prairie and earned a seventeenth place finish. Jennifer Schaafsma (10) summed up the entire season. She said, "I thought we did really good as a team, especially since the coaches were new." Dana Seifert served as the assistant coach. **-Brianna Moore**

For the Record

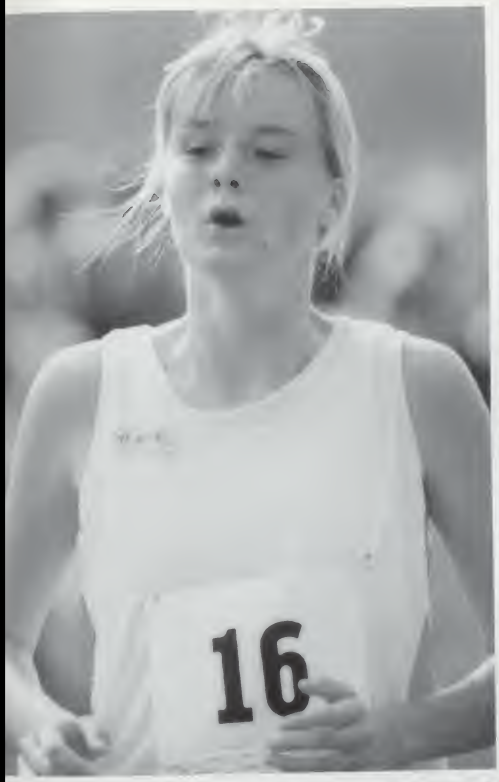
Sheena Sum (9) knows how to get the job done. Out of the fifteen meets the team competed in, Sum ran in eleven. She said that she had been interested in running for three years and loved the sport. "My family gives me the motivation to run. I joined the Taft team and I wanted to just keep doing it." This 5'4", 111 pound, fifteen-year-old girl was voted MVP. "I feel really good about the season.The goal I set for myself was to be the best on the team and I did that by getting first in sectionals," said Sum. Sum's time of 16:22 earned her that sectional first.

Girls' Cross Country

Head Coach-Kelly York
Team Captain-Marisa Wheeler
MVP-- Sheena Sum (12)
Team Record- 6-8
Conference Results-7th place
Post Season Play- Sectional Champions

Sara Myers (10) and Katie LoCreco (9) compete against Hanover Central, Gavit, Andrean, Munster, and Lowell. The team defeated the five other teams to take first place in the meet. (right) Photo by Steve Itogs of Gielas

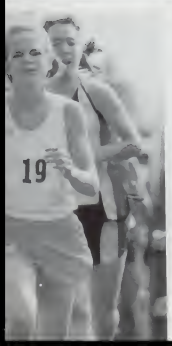
While keeping the lead in mind, Sarah Vickers (10) runs ahead of her Munster opponent. As the smallest runner on the team, she proved size does not matter by being one of the top five, varsity runners .(center) Photo by Steve Itogs



Pacing herself, Jennifer Schaafmsa (10) earns her fastest time in the Duneland Conference meet. "My goal for the season was to earn my letterman's jacket and I did," she said. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gialas

Talking to a reporter from the *Times,* Katie LoGreco (9) tries to think of the best way to answer his question. The reporter ran a sectional story later in the week. Photo by Steve Itoga

Prior to the meet at Lemon Lake, Liz Lewis (10) socializes with Craig Bonaccorsi (12). Both the boys and the girls teams ran together in the summer practices. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gialas



At the Merrillville and Chesterton meet, Sarah Meyers (10) runs ahead of her opponents but the team lost the meet 6-8. Meyers ran a 16:30 at the Rensselear Invite, and finished 13th at sectionals. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gialas

Eager to get open, Matt Kavalunous (10) tries to look for the spot to receive a pass. Kavalunous was one of the few freshman to play at varsity level. Photo by John Bir

Playing the "2 man game," Greg Holiday (9) and Ryan Ostrowski (12) work their way up the ice. Holiday was one of the team's high scorers. Photo by John Bir

Brian Walter (11), a nine year veteran of the game of hockey, skates up the ice to get open for a pass. Walter said he was definitely playing hockey next season. Photo by John Bir

While anticipating the referee's call to continue play, Jim Duffy (12) watches his opponent's next move. Duffy said, "I think we will be better off in the next few seasons, with experience." Photo by John Bir

Skaters Learn to Play Together

Since they had a young group, the seniors help keep the team in line and pull out a great season, and some three year veterans make the All-star team.

Improving from last season, the boys' hockey team received a third place in the state. Under the guidance of Coach Tony Negrelli, the team who didn't even have a winning record two years ago, turned things around and went on to finish 2nd in their league. Chip Walter (11) said, "We were good this season, but we should be even better next season."

As the hockey season got underway, the popularity of the sport skyrocketed. Matt Kavalunous (10) said, "On Friday nights, the hockey arena was filled with more fans than the basketball games." Fans said that the instant popularity was due to the tough physical aspects of the game, as well as the action-packed periods. With defensive support from Greg Spadoni (12), Eric Lakich (11), and John Krull (11), the goalie, Paul Chepela (12), was very successful at preventing shots from going in the net.

Because of their winning record, the hockey team earned a few spots on the All-star team. Greg Holiday (9), Brian Walter (11), Paul Chepela (12), Ryan Ostrowski (12), and Brandon Skopelja (11) made the All-star team. For the Academic All-star team, Kevin Nolan (12) represented the school alone.

John Krull (11) had his favorite parts of the season. He said, "The playoffs and other tournaments were by far the best time of the season; the intensity was really powerful." Krull explained that the playoffs contained a single-elimination tournament...one loss and the team would be out. Therefore, each team battled until the final minutes of every post-season game.

In the last game of the season, the boys' played for the conference championship, but unfortunately lost to Linfolnway 4-1. "This was the best season that this team has had so far," said Greg Spadoni (12). - **Brad Kowert**

Boys' Hockey

Head Coach- Tony Negrelli
Team Captains- Ryan Ostrowski (12) and Greg Spadoni (12)
MVP-Paul Chepela (12)
Team Record- 26-11-5
League Record- 13-4-2
Post Season Play- 3rd in State

For the Record

Imagine being the last line of defense on a sheet of ice and having to stop the hockey pucks that fly toward you at speeds up to 100 m.p.h. Sounds like the work of Superman, but actually it was the job of senior Paul Chepela. In his fourth year as a goaltender, Chepela had a 92% save percentage. Some of his other accomplishments consisted of being named to the All-Conference team the last three years and being named the team M.V.P. two years in a row. He said, "I worked hard and it paid off. We finally had a winning season."

Protecting the puck, Kevin Nolan (12) watches out for the wall. According to teammate Eric Lakich (11), Nolan was an all-around player with a great love for the game. Photo by John Bir

With his hockey stick in his hand, John Krull (11) hops the wall to enter the game against Lincolnway. Krull said the most enjoyable parts of the season were the tournaments. Photo by John Bir

for the Record

Varsity Cheerleaders

Six Flags Competition	5th
Windy City	1st
Midwest	1st

J.V. Cheerleading

Windy City	3rd
Midwest	2nd
Great America	participants

Freshman Cheerleading

Great America	participants
Midwest	participants

Boys' Tennis

Lake Central	0-5
West Lafayette	1-4
Lafayette Jefferson	1-4
Highland	2-3
Hobart	5-0
Merrillville	2-3
Portage	3-2
Chesterton	4-1
Lowell	3-2
Valparaiso	05
E.C. Central	5-0
LaPorte	3-2
Michigan City	3-2
Andrean	3-2
Kankakee Valley	5-0
Munster	0-5

Varsity Cheerleading

Front Row: Maria Rosenbalm, Kelli Morgan. **Row 2:** Lindsey Kranz, Sarah Roth, Kristine Rasmussen **Row 3:** Heather Burke, Angela Heinzman, Jocelyn Ivey.

J.V. Cheerleading

Front Row: Jessica Bixeman, Megan Carlson, Jessica Hitchcock, Becky Hamilton. **Row 2:** Kelly Manfred, Jamie Pierce, Jenny Hughes **Row 3:** Becky Guenther, Emily Rashin.

Freshman Cheerleading

Front Row: Lauren Spirovich, Danielle Osuna, Alice Wildes. **Row 2:** Heather Schultz, Lindsey Mabry. **Row 3:** Jen Teske, Kelly Underwood, Julie Bauer.

Boys' Tennis

Front Row: Katie Chelap, Jacob Gettler Shawn Kovacic, Pat Spohr, David Meyers, Tim Kacmar, Jason Stahl, Chris Horst, Mike Ellch, Mike Salazar, Ryan Highsmith, Victoria Liss. **Row 2:** Coach Scott Reid, Bryan Cuculich, Mike Turner, Jimmy Little, Josh Rattray, Paul Zato, Matt Reilly, Aaron Sprehe, Ryan Simko, Matt Wise, Danny Ellch, Matt Junkens, Coach Tom May.

Varsity Dance Team

Front Row: Lindsey Ciochina, Kathleen Lambert, Amber Volk, Jamie Petersen. **Row 2:** Amber Walters, Jen Wisor, Jen Jansen, Sarah Steiger, Rachel Bickel. **Row 3:** Deidra Paitsell, Stephanie Plummer, Hillary Landis, Tiffany Skekloff, Lauren Hostinsky, Elizabeth Camp, Christina Leyva.

J.V. Dance Team

Front Row: Nicole Coros, Megan Frasor, Holli Warneke, Kristina Louttit. **Row 2:** Angie Tsikouris, Kristin Sautter, Jamie Kooi, Stephanie Lanigan. **Row 3:** Melissa Boone, Jen Gladdis, Melissa Kallay, Megan Reid.

Boys' Cross Country

Front Row: Tom Cornelius, Andrew Wring, Kevin Feder, Steve Hamilton, Joel Cook, Sean McDaniel, Greg Schatzman, Joe Cervantes. **Row 2:** Dan Hinshaw, Coach Keith Iddings, Nate Reilly, John Carroll, Kyle Knutson, Dan Gross, Will Friedericks, Coach Lafey Armontrout. **Row 3:** John Pittman, Craig Bonaccorsi, Justin Stadt, Tom West, Tony Rivera, Kevin Klein, Scott Qualizza.

Girl's Cross Country

Front Row: Anna Egofske, Kathy Shaw, Erin Quinn, Sarah Vickers, Sheena Sum, Lauren Armenta. **Row 2:** Marisa Wheeler, Susan Thomas, Jen Dienes, Katie LoGreco, Sarah Myers, Jen Schaafsma, Coach Dana Seifert. **Row 3:** Coach Kelly York, Liz Lewis, Tasha Beauchamp.

for the Record

Varsity Dance Team

Merrillville	1st- Kick
	2nd- Pom
Lake Central	1st- Kick
	2nd- Pom
Regionals	1st- Kick
	3rd- Pom
State	2nd- Kick
	3rd- Pom

J.V. Dance Team

Merrillville	1st-Dance
	2nd-Pom
Lake Central	1st-Dance
	2nd-Pom
Regionals	2nd-Dance
	3rd-Pom
State	3rd- Pom
	3rd-Dance

Boys' Cross Country

Lake Central	42-22
Munster	42-72
Warren Central	7th
Hanover Central	20-49
Munster	20-67
T.F. South Rebel	3rd
Valparaiso	45-18
Michigan City	15- 50
LaPorte	25-31
Portage	46-15
New Prairie	28-28
Hobart	20-43
Culver Invitational	16th
Chesterton	34-24
Merrillville	28-27

Girls' Cross Country

Hokem Karem Invite	6th
Lake Central	0-1
Munster	1-1
Hanover Central	5-1
T.F. South Invite	1st
Valparaiso, Michigan City	5-3
Rensselaer Invite	1st
New Prairie Invite	18th
Hobart	6-6
Culver Invite	7th
Chesterton, Merrillville	6-8
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	5th
Semi- State	17th

For the Record

Since junior high, Amber Volk (12) has been a key member of the Dance Team. Amber has been dancing since the age of four. During her entire high school career, she has been on the varsity squad and served as captain during her last two years. Amber said, "I am going to miss everybody from poms so much. I've had so much fun these four years." Not only was Amber going to miss the team, but will also be a great loss to it next year. Coach Debbie Ciochina (English) said, "Next year I will miss Amber's enthusiasm and dedication to the squad."

Making their way across the floor, Kristin Sautter (9) and Angela Tsikouris (9) crawl towards the crowd as the second place dance routine begins. The junior varsity squad competed in both pom and dance categories.
Photo by Debra Ciochina

While preparing before the regional competition, Jamie Peterson (11) touches up her hair. She said, "This season was the best yet. We all became so close with each other."
Photo by Debra Ciochina

Dancers Honored with Awards

Many hours of practice pay off as the Varsity Dance team places second in the state in the kick category and third in the pom category.

Starting in the summer, hours of practice and hard work contributed to the success of the dance team. The season started with the tryouts in May where sixteen girls were placed on the varsity team and eleven on the junior varsity squad. Under the direction of three new coaches, Mrs. Debra Ciochina (English), Amity McKiddey, and Suzanne Stuewe, the team regained their confidence as well as their determination, according to the girls.

Requiring excellent coordination and skill, it was a privilege to be chosen to be a member of the team. Elizabeth Camp (9) said, "I was so excited when I saw that I made varsity. It was such a great surprise." Along with the thrill of just being chosen to be part of the team came the responsibility of attending long strenuous practices and giving complete dedication. "The practices were long, but when we were on the floor performing in front of the crowd, it all paid off. We were very successful this season," said Melissa Boone (12).

At Regionals the two teams became eligible to go down to the state finals held in Indianapolis. At Indy, the varsity team placed second in kick and third in pom, while the J.V. squad scored second in dance and third in pom. Jen Jansen (11) said, " This season was the best yet. Along with all of our successes, the team also became very close." While down at state, Lindsey Ciochina (11) and Sarah Steiger (12) became members of the All-State Dance Team and performed with thirty-one other girls at an Indiana Pacers' game.

On April 10th the team was awarded with the School Board Commendation for Outstanding Achievement . Melissa Kallay (11) said, " We were extremely surprised when we were notified from the school board also. It was a tremendous privilege." Coach Ciochina introduced each of the girls as Principal James Hardman handed out the certificates from the school board. Each girl then shook hands with Superintendent Steve Sprunger and each of the school board members while parents and teachers celebrated the team's success with applause. Coach Ciochina described the team saying that not only are the girls beautiful on the outside, but on the inside as well. **-Farren Roark**

Dance Team

Head Coach-Debra Ciochina
Team Captains-Lindsey Ciochina (11), Jamie Peterson (11), and Amber Volk (12)
MVP-Lindsey Ciochina (11) and Amber Volk (12)
Post Season Play- 2nd in Kick and 3rd in Pom at State Level

As they perform the kick routine, Kathleen Lambert (12) and Sarah Steiger (12) use their sticks as props to help pump up the crowd. This complicated routine won first in regionals and second at the state level. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Striking the ending pose, Megan Frasor (9) works to impress the judges as the team ends their J.V. competition routine. The team received a third place award in the division three pom category at this competition held at Lake Central. Photo by Debra Ciochina

During the Homecoming pep rally, Amber Walters (11) promotes school spirit. She said "The pep rally this year was a lot of fun. I loved getting the crowd pumped up." Photo by Don Hanft of Giolas

Kicking across the floor, Lauren Hostinsky (11) performs the team's competition kick routine. The routine was awarded first place in the regional competition and second at state finals. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Swimmers take best times to State

The boys' swimming and diving teams have one of their best seasons beating Valparaiso for the first time in 20 years and going all the way to State.

Just thinking about working out 600 times in eleven months could make a person tired, so being a member of the boys' swimming and diving teams had to take much dedication and effort. Not only did the team have to think about numerous practices, they had to attend them all throughout their season. "Being on the team was a year round commitment," said Coach Doug Norris (Physical Education).

It was a strenuous time for the boys during the season since they had great strain put on their minds and bodies. Double workouts and an extended number of meets kept the group pretty exhausted.

But along with all the hard work, there were many high points. Bill Schmidt (11), Paul Schmidt (10), Ryan Smith (12), and Brian Wheeler (9) broke the 17-year record in the 200 -meter medley relay. "I flew in the relay, and swam 25:50 to help break the record," said Wheeler. For the first time in 20 years, the team defeated Valparaiso in an individual meet while winning 10 of the 12 events. "My expectations this year were to grow together as a team and accomplish as much as we could," said Donald Andersen (12). The team attributed their success to cooperation and cohesiveness.

The boys went through much preparation to get ready for the meets. They all participated in mental stimulation, which included listening to motivational tapes, and visualizing the competition. Along with all the mental preparation, the team had to get ready physically as well. Quick jumping exercises helped to prepare their muscles for quick reactions. Some of the boys even went as far as shaving their bodies and heads of all body hair for faster movement and less resistance in the water.

Even though the boys worked hard, they did make time for fun. Paul Schmidt (10) recalled an incident at a Valparaiso meet. "I thought it was funny when the whole team got suspended for stealing a clock from Valpo. If you liked to work as a team and make new friends, the swim team was the best place to do it," said Sean Cash (9).

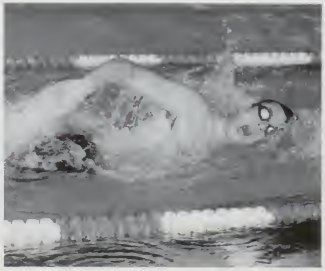
The team ended the season with a second place at the sectionals and 21st place at the state meet. **-Jeremy McGoldrick**

For the Record

"The best parts of swimming were the big meets, when you had all the pressure on you," said Bill Schmidt (11). Schmidt was use to this pressure, since he had been swimming since the age of seven. As team captain and MVP, he swam in the 200-medley relay, the 50-freestyle, the 200-freestyle relay, and the 100-meter breaststroke. At sectionals, Schmidt was one-tenth of a second away from winning in two events, but placed 12th and 15th in those events at State. Schmidt said, "The best part of the season was sectionals; it was a great experience for everyone."

Boys' Swimming & Diving

Head Coach- Doug Norris
Team Captains- Bill Schmidt, Chris Stanek
MVP- Bill Schmidt, Paul Schmidt
Team Record- 9-4
Conference Record- 5-3
Post Season Play-21st place at State



Determined to win his event, Ryan Smith (12) springs his arm out of the water to finish the stroke. As one of only four seniors on the team, Smith swam the 50 and 100-meter freestyle. Photo by John Bir

With water splashing up into his face, Sean Cash keeps his focus on winning his event. This was his first year of competitive swimming, but Cash had been swimming since he was five years old. Photo by John Bir

With his goggles sliding off his face, Dave Huber (10) keeps his concentration and continues swimming. Huber was a freestyle swimmer, a letterman and a sectional finalist.

Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

In mid stroke, Ted Vlahos (9) glides himself through the water. In his first year on the team, Vlahos swam freestyle. Photo by John Bir

As he brings his arm around during a freestyle swim, Ryan Orzechowicz (10) tips his head to the side for a quick breath. Orzechowicz swam a few times during the season, but mostly concentrated on his diving.

Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

Kicking his feet in stride with his arms, Garret Willis (10) tries to keep himself in the lead. Willis was a distance swimmer, participating in events like the 500 meter-freestyle. Photo by John Bir

Arching her back gracefully, Stephanie Tithof (11) dives into the water. Tithof added several new dives to her repertoire in her third year of diving. "It was a challenging year, but I still had fun," said Tithof. Photo by John Bir

Jessica Nance swims the butterfly, hoping for a fast time. The butterfly, her favorite event, was often a source of great disappointment when she didn't achieve what she had hoped. Photo by John Bir

Katie Bieker (11) dives ahead of the competition at a home meet where the girls won against Portage 99-87. Bieker swam the 200m and 400m relays at State with teammates Jessica Frank (11), Ericka Nance (11), and Jessica Nance (12). Photo by John Bir

Coming up for air, Kari Durachta (10) swims the free style. Though she was good at free style, Durachta's favorite event was the butterfly. "I think I did better than last year, but I could have done better,"said Durachta. Photo by John Bir

Swimmers Break School Records

Girls' swim team experiences their highest scoring season since 1993 while relay team receives 14th place, breaking the school record.

Daily early morning practices, grueling after school practices, weight-lifting, and conditioning defined the dedication of the members of the girl's swim team. The girls worked hard and it showed in their drive to win.

Though they lost their first meet against Lake Central, they came back and beat Michigan City 107-79 at their second meet. The Varsity divers received first place at the Merrillville Diving Meet, and the team won fourth place at the LaPorte Relay Invite. The girls ended their season on a good note by winning their last home meet against Rensselaer 115- 70. The meet left the seniors with fond memories of their last season. "Our sectional performance was outstanding, qualifying in nine of twelve events at State. Overall, the girls' team performance was the highest scoring year we have had since I came to Crown Point in 1993," said Coach Doug Norris (physical education). The girls ended the season with a record of 9-5.

After a successful season, the team went down to State and received 18th place. "My goal for the team was to be ranked above 16th place in the State meet," said Beth Sabato (12). The girls scored an impressive 6th place in the 200-meter free relay and a record-setting 14th place in the 400-meter free relay. Relay members included captain Jessica Nance (12), Katie Bieker (11), Jessica Frank (11), and Ericka Nance (11). Jessica Nance placed 15th in 100-meter butterfly and Jessica Frank won 18th place in 100-meter backstroke. "The team surprised me. The girls pulled together in the end and some of them had their best swims," said captain Jessica Nance (12).

Along with the hard work came memorable moments. "The meets were my favorite part. I loved to compete because all the practice paid off," said Lisa Diederich (10). There were also a lot of laughs. "We took a side trip before practice. We ended up getting lost, and we got to practice an hour late," said Beth Sabato (12). All the practices and the fun moments resulted in closer relationships between members throughout the season according to the team.

-Kim Lambka

Girl's Swimming

Head Coach- Doug Norris
Team Captain- Jessica Nance (12)
MVP-Jessica Nance (12)
Sectional MVP-Jessica Frank (11)
Ericka Nance (11)
Team Record- 11 -2
Conference Record-10 -5
Post Season Play- Sectionals 2nd
State 18th

For the Record

Sophomore Lisa Diederich has accomplished more in two years of diving than most students achieve in four. What had started out as a hobby, turned into something she could be competitively active in. "I started diving because I thought it would be fun," said Diederich. Though she hoped to place in the top eight in the state sometime during her high school career, Diederich began to achieve that goal when she placed 17th this season. Though she showed obvious talent, she was uncertain about the future. "I had been thinking about college, but didn't know if I wanted to do athletics or concentrate on school."

Ericka Nance (11) gives a tearful speech during Senior Night as Katie Bieker (11) listens intently. The night was very emotional because Nance said goodbye not only to teammates but also to her sister Jessica (12). Photo by John Bir

At the home meet against Rensselaer, Susan Hrapchak (12) and Lindsay Gora (9) embrace on Senior Night. Senior Night gave the underclassmen time to show respect and appreciation to their senior class teammates. Photo by John Bir

For the Record

Wrestling for almost his entire life, Wayne Postlethwait (12) started the sport when he was in kindergarten. "I wanted to join wrestling because it was a family tradition. Both my dad and my two older brothers wrestled for Crown Point," said Postlethwait. Postelthwait said his family helped him become better. "My brothers usually helped teach me new moves and made me a tougher athlete." He won sectionals and placed second in regionals, third at semi-state and wrestled in the State Championships in Indianapolis. He won 30 of his 37 matches.

Because arm control is important in wrestling, Eric Shultz (10) grips tightly on to his opponent's wrist. Shultz's only goal was to wrestle for varsity. Wrestling for the 171 pound weight class, he accomplished his goal. Photo by Dan Hanft of Gielas

Looking for the perfect time to shoot on his opponent to take him down, Sean McDaniel (10) holds his ground. McDaniel wrestled for the 112 pound weight class. Photo by Dan Hanft

Young Team Displays Talent

Seniors Jason Strong and Wayne Postlethwait lead young group to state level competition. Strong ranks as high as second in state.

Wrestling matches last six very long minutes and include torment to the body and the mind, according to the wrestlers themselves. "We practiced a lot, but it paid off so I didn't mind," said Eric Shultz (10). Because the sport was so challenging, the boys needed a lot of dedication. Preparing for the week's match or tournament, the boys practiced for two hours a day, five days a week. "Wrestling was hard. When you were working at something as hard as you possibly could, the work paid off when you were in a match and winning," said Danny Mellis (9).

The team was younger than most having only two seniors. "It felt awkward having such a young team because I was expecting to wrestle with upperclassmen," said Matt Beilfuss (10). Youth did not mean inexperience, however. The team had eight guys advance to regionals. From that point, six of those guys advanced to semi-state and then three guys went on to compete at the State Championship, which took place for the first time in the new Conseco Fieldhouse. "I was very nervous when I saw the size of the new Conseco Fieldhouse. I stood on the floor in shock," said Ryan Wilkinson (11).

The season started out with a strong win against Andrean and followed with a close win against Harrison. Unfortunately, the team suffered from their first lost against Duneland Conference foe, Chesterton. Traveling to Illinois, the team wrestled in the highly competitive Stagg Tournament. "The Stagg Tournament was always a hard tournament for Crown Point," said wrestler David Vlink (11). The boys placed seventh out of sixteen. However, in another tournament, six wrestlers received first place trophies, and the team won first place at the Carl W. Carnahan Memorial tournament. Later in the year, they received sixth place in the Duneland Conference tournament and second in sectionals after losing to the Lowell Red Devils.

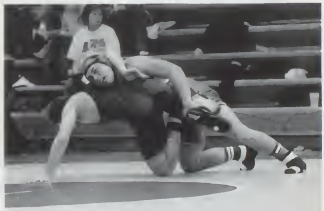
Wrestling against difficult conference teams, their conference record was not appealing. But not apparent to most was that four of the seven conference teams were state ranked. Despite the conference record, the wrestling team finished with an overall season record 9-7-1. **-Matt Phillips**

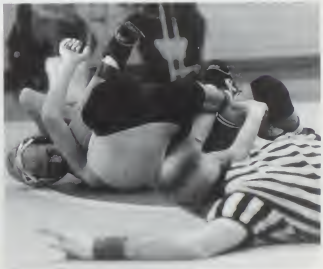
Boys' Varisty Wrestling

Head Coach- Mr. Scott Vlink
Assitant Coach- Mr. Bob Rees
Team Record- 9-7-1
Conference Record- 1-6
Tournaments- Carl W. Carnahan Champs

Kevin Wilkinson (11) attempts a move to rotate his opponent on his back. After winning sectionals, Wilkinson was crowned the Semi-State champ and also went on to compete at the state level. Photo by Dan Hanft of Gielas

Trying to drive an opponent from Gavit high school to the mat, Keith Williams (10) aggresively forces his opponent foward. This was Williams' first year wrestling on the Varsity team. Photo by Dan Hanft of Gielas





While the referee gives out points and gets ready to drop his hand for the pin, Brian Mellis (11) sticks his opponent for the win. Mellis finished his season with a record of 30-4. Photo by Dan Hanft of Gielas

Rarely seen losing, Jason Strong (12) takes control of his opponent's balance. "Being able to beat people one on one made wrestling fun; you can't blame anyone but yourself for losing," said Strong. Strong remained undefeated going into semi-state. Photo by Dan Hanft

Individuals Face All Challenges

Practicing six days a week pays off for J.V. and Freshman Wrestling teams as both end season with winning records.

Hard at work to make sure that the other team was no match for them, the J.V. and freshmen teams constantly practiced to refine their skills. The team met for practice Monday through Friday after school from 3:00 to 5:00 and on Saturday mornings. Troy Bush (9) said, "We ran before school twice a week." At practice, the guys learned new moves, worked on their technique and after stretching, applied the moves they've learned. "We had to warm up really well physically to be sure we were ready to wrestle," said James Ponziano (9).

The wrestlers each had their own reasons for enjoying the sport. Seth Bostian (9) said, "I enjoyed the pride I felt at the end of the match knowing that I gave it my all." Ponziano (9) said, "I enjoyed the physical demands of the sport." Bush thought the individualism was the best part. "In wrestling, it was all up to the individual. Unlike other sports, you didn't depend on teammates, so when you succeeded...you knew you'd done it on your own."

Along with the physical demands came mental preparation as well. Bostian (9) said, "I prepared myself physically by running through some motion drills to warm up, but to prepare myself mentally, I thought about what my first moves would be and what I was going to do next and how was going to win." Kyung Min (11) and Kevin Kasch (9) followed a similar readiness path. Min said, "I went over the match in my head while I did push ups, sit-ups and loosened up." Kasch said, "Physically, I tried to get my heart rate up by jogging or jumping in place; mentally, I tried to clear my head of everything but wrestling."

Both teams members had fond memories of the both season. "I thought the team did a really good job this season," said Ben Sonntag (9). Min (11) said his fondest memory involved one particular match. "During my first match I was down until the third period and then I managed to beat my opponent by one point." Bostian said, "My most memorable match was when I beat the kid that had beat me the last two times I had wrestled him."

-Dan McLain

For the Record

Ben Sontag (9) was a 275 pounds heavyweight wrestler. He started wrestling in 1998 when a friend talked him into joining the wrestling team. "The thing that I enjoyed most about being on the wrestling team was being with my friends and having a good time and giving every match my all." His most memorable match occurred when he beat a kid from Munster who had beaten him three times last year. In his free time Ben said he liked to play basketball, baseball and hang around with his friends and have a good time.

J.V. Freshmen Wrestling

J.V. Coach-Charlie Smith
Freshman Coach- Bill Hawkins
J.V. Team Leaders-Kyung Min, Dave Thomas
Freshman Team Leaders-Kevin Kasch, Jim Ponziano, Ben Sonntagg
Team Records-J.V.-5-4
Freshmen- 8-1

With a stone cold glare, Jim Ponzaino (9) stares down his opponent from Portage while he plans his attack. Ponzaino had to keep moving while he tried to get in a good position for a take down and he did so. Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

Sliding his LaPorte opponent into the half nelson submission hold, Ben Sontag (9) tries to get the pin before time runs out. Sontag wrestled in the heavyweight division on the freshman team. Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

In his match against a Portage wrestler, Kevin Kash (9) turns him over for to get control. Kasch was able to get the pin. He said, "He was strong and put up a good fight."
Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

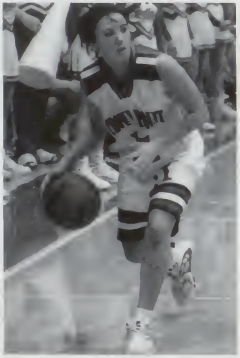
At 125 pounds, Dan Mellis (9) uses the cross face submission hold. He said, "I was trying to get behind him so I could get control."
Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

While trying to wear out his LaPorte opposition, Troy Bush (9) uses the Iowa submission move to cause a bit of pain. Bush wrestled in the 171 pound weight class. He said, "I was always a couple of pounds under weight." Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

Brian Murphy (9) prepares to go to work on the mat. He said, "I was thinking about how to take him (LaPorte opponent) down."
Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

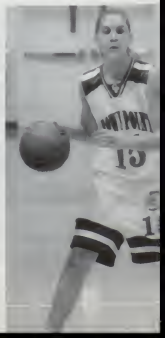
Looking over her Valparaiso opponent, Katie Lemke (12) looks to take a shot. Lemke said, "I wanted to contribute and relax on the floor; I thought I accomplished that." Photo by John Bir

During sectionals, Sarah Zondor (11) guards her Lake Central opponent. The team went on to defeat Lake Central and qualified for the sectional finals against Lowell. Photo by Steve Itogo of Gielas



Laura Warne (11) looks for an open spot as she keeps the ball safe. Warne was one of the five juniors on the team and played guard. Photo by John Bir

To get past her Munster opponent, Amanda Bernard (11) makes a move. Bernard ended the season with a field goal percentage of 41.8%; the second highest on the team. Photo by Steve Itogo of Gielas



Bittersweet End to Productive Year

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team falls short of post season victories, but competes in the state's toughest schedule which included top ranked Ben Davis.

At the beginning of the girls' basketball season, a team began to take shape. With high hopes for a victorious post-season, the girls began their rigorous practice and game schedule.

The team started the season with a 19-point win over Hebron and a positive attitude. "Our main goals were to win the Duneland Athletic Conference and sectionals," said Erin Plumley (12).

The team then came up against Andrean, a top rival. Katie Lemke (12) said, "A lot of us had friends there, so it was always an exciting game. They also beat us for two years in a row, so we had to win." The Bulldogs did, with a score of 40-37.

After Andrean, the team lost to state-ranked Munster, but travelled to Warsaw over Thanksgiving break and captured a victory. Alex Webster (10) said, "I enjoyed defeating Warsaw at home. It felt great to go out and beat them when they had the home court advantage."

Near the end of the regular season, the team's thoughts shifted from the normal day to day worries to the dream of a sectional championship. As sectionals drew closer, Coach Tom May (physical education) recruited students from his basketball officiating class to play against the girls. May said this scrimmage gave the team a chance to go up against different people and strengthen their skills before the upcoming tournament games.

Then came game time. The team drew a bye for the first game and their long time rival, Lake Central, for the second round. The team won 58-50 and advanced to the sectional finals to face Lowell. In a tough game, they fell in the final quarter and lost 58-51.

At the end of the season, *Hoosier Basketball* magazine named guard Sarah Zondor (11) to the 4th team All-State, and point guard Alex Webster (10) received an honorable mention. Coach May said both girls led the play for the team. Other leadership came from three seniors. "Leadership was provided by Allyson Carnahan, Katie Lemke and Erin Plumley," said Coach May. —**Katie Reid**

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Head Coach- Tom May
Team Captains- Allyson Carnahan (12), Sarah Zondor (11), Alex Webster(10) **MVP-**Sarah Zondor (11)
Team Record-10-12
Conference Record-4-3
Post-Season Play- Sectional Finalist

For the Record

Erin Plumley (12) began her senior year against centers twice her height. With this in mind, her main goal of the season was to improve as a post player, and she did with a 3.0 (per-game) rebound average.

Plumley also fulfilled leadership roles on the court. Through her actions she proved to be an example for her teammates. Nicole Smoljan (9) said, "Erin acted as my big sister. We had tons of fun and became really close."

Erin also had the chance to play with her younger sister Ashley (10). Erin said, "Things were easier because we could laugh and cry over practices and games because of the shared experiences."

Searching for an open teammate, Alex Webster (10) gets into position. Webster had the unusual experience of being named one of the team captains, a distinction usually held for seniors. Photo by John Bir

While Katie Lemke (12), Allyson Carnahan (12), and Sarah Zondor (11) take a break on the bench, Coach Tom May tries to get the offense moving. Coach May has headed the girls' basketball program for 19 years. Photo by Steve Itogo of Globe

Elevating to shoot a jump shot, Kathleen Fredericks (9) tries to hit the shot past the Merrillville defender. Fredericks said, "It was a great year. I enjoyed the opportunity to start most games, and was thrilled to be part of a team with a winning record." Photo by David Evans of Giolas

Surrounded by defenders, Chrissy Hodorowicz (10) attempts to hit a jump shot from the free throw line. Hodorowicz was the starting center on the J.V. squad. Photo by Steve Itogo of Giolas

For the Record

It would seem that with having an older sister on the varsity level, one would think that Ashley Plumley (10) had a tough time. Ashley often received the younger sister treatment and was always compared to her sister Erin Plumley (12). However, "Little Plumley" received some good playing time on varsity level. Ashley played a total of twelve games on the junior varsity level. She actually played both J.V. and varsity during the middle of the season. In this stretch Ashley was allowed to play five quarters between both games. "Playing on the varsity level will be good for my experience in the next couple seasons," said Plumley.

Quick Start Helps Frosh Girls

Freshmen girls began the season winning four of their first six games, while the junior varsity losses its first three, but comes back with a winning streak.

The years spent playing on the junior varsity and freshmen levels were not always admired by fans and the media; however, these years were important for learning and gaining experience.

Even though the J.V. squad started the season a little shaky, losing three of their first four games, the girls quickly bounced back, and won their next five games in a row. According to the team members, the winning streak came thanks to the leadership of Janel Heneghan (10), Amy Zondor (9) and Ashley Plummley (10) who were among the team's high scorers.

When looking at the season, the J.V. team completed, one thing stands out the most....scores were close. In fact, almost every game was a nail-biter. The differences in the final scores were normally under double-digits. Perhaps the closest battle the J.V. squad had all season was the game against the Andrean 59'ers. The score was close until the final minutes of the fourth quarter when the girls' finally pulled together and sent Andrean heading back home with a loss. Keri Cuculich (9) said, "The highlight of my season was definitely beating Andrean at home." The junior varsity girls finished the season 10-10.

For the freshman girls, the season turned out better than they had hoped. The girls came out charging and won four of their first six games. Of these wins three included Duneland Athletic Conference teams. The freshman girls then went on a little bit of a slide, but bounced back just as the season was wrapping up winning the last three games. Many freshmen have the hope and aspiration of playing on the J.V. team when they are sophomores. "My goal was to workout and practice all summer and to become a starter on the J.V. team next year," said Lauren Rhodes (9).

Overall, the teams both reported that the people on the teams made the season special. "The highlight of my season was definitely the wonderful friendships I made," said Allison Isailovich (9).

-Brad Kowert and Matt Phillips

Girls' J.V./Frosh Basketball

Frosh Head Coach-Rachel Butler
J.V. Head Coach - Mike Malaski
J.V. Team Captains- Janel Heneghan (10) and Stephanie Swanson (10)
Team Records- Freshman 11-8
J.V 10-10

While the Lake Central opponent looks for her next move or pass, Lauren Rhodes (9), aggressively defends against her opponent. Rhodes, at 5'9", was one of the tallest girls on the team. Photo by John Bir

With a Merrillville Pirate on her hip, Danielle Brueck (9) forcefully drives the ball down the court, even though she had height on her side, Brueck still managed to play the position of shooting guard. Photo by Steve Hogg of Gwizz

Anticipating the outcome of the game against Portage, Emily Tromp (10), Lauren Rhodes (9), La'Kea Harvey (11), Sarah Myers (10), and Allison Isailovich (9) eagerly await the finale. Myers said, "I liked every game we played." Photo by John Bir

Because defense is half the game, Keri Cuculich (9), watches her Portage opponent carefully. Cuculich was one of the four freshman to play on the J.V. squad. She had been playing ball for five years. She said her favorite game was against Andrean. Photo by Steve Hogg of Gwizz

For the Record

Varsity Basketball

Hammond Gavit	54-48
Highland	47-65
South Bend Adams	66-82
East Chicago	42-63
Portage	59-74
Hobart	60-42
Chesterton	45-71
Lowell	58-63
Merrillville	47-70
Valparaiso	53-72
Munster	69-74
Michigan City	58-75
Chesterton	51-46
LaPorte	46- 55
Lake Central	72- 58
Hobart	63-45

Boys' J.V. Basketball

Grant	51-35
Highland	28-25
South Bend Adams	50-45
E.C. Central	43-47
Portage	57-41
Merrillville	37-60
Hobart	70-44
Lowell	47-29
Valparaiso	43-60
Munster	32-36
Michigan City	37-44
Chesterton	42-46
LaPorte	47- 57
Lake Central	46- 53
Griffith	27-30
Gary Roosevelt	16-47
Calumet	53-46

Freshman Basketball

Lake Central	33-47
Calumet	46-21
Chesterton	24-27
Gary Roosevelt	25-46
Highland	35-24
Munster	48-41
Lowell	38-40
Merrillville	38-49
Hobart	43-29
Marion	33-28
LaPorte	37-63
Valparaiso	43-45
Portage	53-60
Boone Grove	34-24
Michigan City	40-39
Kankakee Valley	72-30
Highland	47-40
Munster	33-48

Varsity Wrestling

Andrean	61-12
Harrison	39-30
Chesterton	21-48
Stagg	7th
Michigan City	64-9
Merrillville	25-40
Carnahan	1st
LaPorte	21- 51
Hobart	16- 47
Calumet	35-35
Lake Central	29-32
Westen	1-0
Rennsalaer	1-0
Valparaiso	24-35
Portage	9- 52
Kankakee Valley	51-18
Boone Grove	51-27
Delhi	63-18
Sectional	2nd

Varsity Boys' Basketball

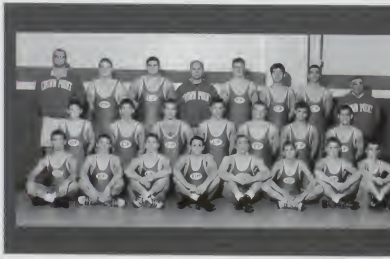
Front Row: Dale Packard, Chad Pruzin, Brian Sparks, Brett Govert, Mike Knaga. **Row 2:** Coach Tom Johnson, Coach John Payne, Coach Greg Doane, Jim Smith, Coach Nick Patterson, Trainer Trent Trump, Michelle Carlson, Joe Gettler. **Row 3:** Dave Meyers, Rick Oliver, Kevin Sparks, Bryan Cuculich, Jon Moskovich, T.J. Pruzin, Craig Lozanovski.

J.V. Boys' Basketball

Front Row: Kevin Sendre, Dale Packard, Josh Rattray, Mark Fleming, Dan Hubinger. **Row 2:** Michelle Carlson, Jim Smith, Coach John Payne, Coach Greg Doane, Brian Sparks, Joe Gettler. **Row 3:** Adam Reed, Kyle Robbins, Ryan Manley, Bryce Segert, Craig Lozanovski

Freshman Basketball

Front Row: Donny Grubbe, Dan Kundrat, Matt Wise, Dave Clayton, Joe Ullman, Steve Etter. **Row 2:** Coach Ray Tarnow, Justin Goranovich, Cameron Reeves, Mike Harris, Chris Sphere, Jeff Jillson, Nick Hoffman, Andrew Wring **Row 3:** Eric Gulbrandsen, Chris Kutanovski, Chris Thomas, Eric Hubinger, Jim Little, Adam Vetter, Sean O'Drobinak



Varsity/J.V. Wrestling

Front Row: Jim Ponziano, Dan Mellis, Kevin Wilkinson, Kevin Kasch, Ryan Wilkinson, Bryan Mellis, Dave Thomas, Sean McDaniel. **Row 2:** Chris Cook, Mark Vlink, Keith Williams, Eric Shultz, Wayne Postethwait, Rob Bruno, Matt Beilfuss. **Row 3:** Coach Charlie Smith, Tony Schoeffel, Jason Strong, Coach Scott Vlink, Troy Bush, Kyung Min, David Vlink, Coach Bob Rees

Varsity Girl's Basketball

Front Row: Laura Buchelt, Katie Reid, Alex Webster, Katie Lemke, Allyson Carnahan, Erin Plumley, Sarah Zondor, Michelle Allande, Sarah Pyle. **Row 2:** Ashley Plumley, Laura Warne, Amy Zondor, Stephanie Swanson, Amanda Benard, Janel Heneghan, La'kea Harvey, Nicole Smoljan, Chrissy Hodrowicz, Nikki Borys. **Row 3:** Beth Jacobs, Nancy Eksten, Coach Tom May, Laurie Hamilton, Mike Malaski, Scott Reid.

J.V. Girl's Basketball

Front Row: Laura Buchelt, Katie Reid, Allison Isailovich, Amy Zondor, Ashley Plumley, Sarah Myers, Keri Cuculich, Michelle Allande, Sarah Pyle. **Row 2:** Coach Laurie Hamilton, Stephanie Swanson, Emily Tromp, Chrissy Hodorowicz, La'kea Harvey, Janel Heneghan, Coach Nancy Eksten, Coach Beth Jacobs. **Row 3:** Coach Scott Reid, Coach Mike Malaski, Coach Tom May.

Freshman Basketball

Front Row: Lucy Holevis, Heather Dallman, Katie LoGreco, Tera Menacher, Jenna Dembowski, Joell Dixon. **Row 2:** Laura Hawes, Jamie Worst, Coach Rachel Butler, Erin Hostinsky, Kathleen Fredericks. **Row 3:** Danielle Brueck, Lauren Rhodes, Wendy Kurcz, Jill Maynard.

Freshman Wrestling

Front Row: Dan Mellis, Ed Klingberg, Dan Ostrozovich, Dan Ellch, Scott Kaiser, Jim Poniano. **Row 2:** Coach Charlie Smith, Mark Vlink, Troy Bush, Ben Sontag, Tim Gramenz, Brian Murphy, Kevin Kasch.

for the Record

Varsity Basketball

Hebron	60-41
Andrean	40-37
Plymouth	47- 51
Munster	37- 54
Warsaw	52-47
Lowell	31-39
Portage	38-41
Highland	50- 53
Merrillville	44-25
Valparaiso	35-39
Lake Central	39-37
Ben Davis	45-73
Michigan City	74-38
Chesterton	36-43
LaPorte	48-29

JV. Girls' Basketball

Hebron	25-35
Andrean	35-29
Plymouth	17-36
Munster	25-26
Warsaw	32-23
Lowell	40-14
Portage	24-18
Highland	27-23
Merrillville	28-12
Valparaiso	15-27
Lake Central	29-34
Penn	22-37
Michigan City	38-20
Kankakee Valley	21-25
Chesterton	36-21
Laporte	32-20
Hobart	15-27
Northwood	31-25

Frosh Girls' Basketball

Portage	13-37
Michigan City	30-26
Plymouth	17-24
Valparaiso	21-20
Kankakee Valley	45-20
Griffith	32-13
Lake Central	18-32
Chesterton	39-22
Munster	29-32
Merrillville	36-19
Andrean Tourney	34-8
Andrean	39- 55
LaPorte	26-31
Hobart	32-14
Highland	20-21
Lake Central	20-32
Hammond Morton	29-10
Rensselaer	27-21
Lowell	35-14

JV. Wrestling

Lafayette Jeff	37-27
Chesterton	21- 54
Michigan City	84-0
Merrillville	24-25
LaPorte	26-49
Portage	12-27
Valparasio	24- 54

Team Takes Victory From Trojans

With a young team, the boys' basketball team has a rough start, but gains some impressive wins later in the season despite falling twice to Merrillville.

It was a blazing hot summer day in June as boys interested in becoming a part of the basketball team gathered for conditioning. Beginning at six in the morning, the boys prepared to stretch, run, and lift weights. Conditioning went on for three months in the summer, and continued for three months after that until choosing a team finally took place.

With only two returning varsity players, and just three seniors on the team, the Boys' Varsity Basketball squad had their work cut out for them in the upcoming season. They had lost nine seniors from the previous season, giving them a young and somewhat inexperienced team. Coach Tom Johnson (math) wasted no time however, and started the team off right away with practices. They began practice with stretching and shooting drills, then worked on their offense and defense, and ended by running 16's (various lengths of wind sprints). "There's nothing like ending a tiring practice with some nice Sweet 16's," joked Kevin Sparks (12).

With many speculations and high hopes, the basketball season finally began. It was a great start to the season when the boys defeated Hammond Gavit 54-48. However, this was not how the rest of the season would turn out. They lost the next four games before defeating Hobart in the Holiday tournament, but then lost six straight. The boys then went on a winning streak, winning four out of their next five games including a victory over a talented Chesterton team. End of the year highlights included a 30-point win against Calumet, and a close loss versus the #6 ranked team in the state, Lafayette Harrison.

While the team fell short of their goal of winning sectionals, they still made many improvements. "Our goals were to win sectionals and finish .500 on the season. Although we didn't accomplish either, we improved throughout the season and defeated some tough opponents," said Jon Moskovich (12). After falling to Merrillville 58-43 in the first round of sectionals, the team finished the season. T.J. Pruzin (11) won the honor of being named to the All-Area Team. **-Jeremy McGoldrick**

For the Record

Going into the season with only three seniors on the team proved to be a difficult task for the boys team. Kevin Sparks, one of the three seniors, tried his hardest throughout the season to help the young team. Sparks brought his ten years of experience and motivational attitude to the team to try and give his teammates a boost. As the potential sixth man, Sparks averaged 5.3 points and 3.1 rebounds during his final season. "Although the season did not turn out as well as we had hoped, I was proud of the hard work and dedication we put into the season," said Sparks.

Boys' Varsity Basketball

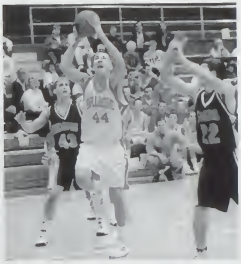
Head Coach- Tom Johnson
Assistant Coaches- Johnny Patterson and Nick Patterson
Team Captains- John Moskovich (12) T.J. Pruzin (11)
MVP's- John Moskovich (12) T.J. Pruzin (11)
Team Record- 7-14
Conference Record- 2-5

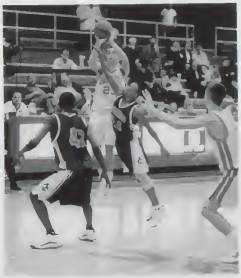
From behind the three point line, Chad Pruzin (9) attempts to beat his opponent to the basket. As a freshman, Pruzin became the starting point guard and led the team in assists with 62. Photo by Steve Itoga of Gistas

Driving to the basket past three defenders, Mike Knaga (11) attempts to sneak in a lay-up. Knaga spent most of the season as shooting guard, but also played in the small forward position. Photo by John Bir

Fading away to shoot over the reach of the defender, John Moskovich (12) takes a jump shot. Averaging 10.2 points and 5 rebounds, Moskovich was one of the only two returning seniors to the squad. Photo By John Bir

Bryan Cuculich (11) sneaks in for a lay-up past two players. As center, Cuculich was the team leader in total shooting percentage making 57.7 percent of his shots. Photo By John Bir





Shooting over the outstretched arm of his opponent, T.J. Pruzin (11) concentrates on the basket. Averaging 17 points a game and making 81 three point field goals, Pruzin led the team in points per game as well as three point percentage. Photo by John Bir

In a home game against South Bend Adams, Bret Govert drives along the baseline. Govert missed the first few games of the season due to an ankle injury. He hit and average of 72 percent of his free throws. Photo by Steve Itogs of Giolas

As Craig Lovanovski (9) goes up for the shot, Jim Smith (10) waits for the rebound. The two often teamed up with each other since they both played forward. The two were JV. team members. Photo by Steve Itoga of Giolas

Fighting for the rebound, the team crowds around Jim Smith (10) as he pulls the ball in. Varsity Assistant Coach Johnny Payne said, "Jim was one of the hardest workers in the program." Photo by Steve Itoga of Giolas

Trying to break away from the press, Brian Sparks (9) searches for an available teammate to pass the ball to. As a freshman, Sparks met the challenge of playing on the junior varsity team. He was one of the best shooters on the team according to his coaches. Photo by Steve Itoga

While he dribbles the ball down the court, Dan Kundrat (9) breaks away from his Portage opponent. The freshman team defeated the Indians at an away game early in the season. Photo by Steve Itoga of Giolas

Dedication Improves Skills

Junior varsity and freshman basketball teams work together to gain experience and reach many of their team and individual goals.

Working hard to perfect their dribbling, shooting, and passing skills, the junior varsity team trained for their upcoming season. The team goal was to play as hard in the second half as they did in the first. Ryan Manley (10) said, "I had to work extremely hard in order to improve my all-around average, but in the end it all paid off." While perfecting their talents, the boys became close with one another and demonstrated their team unity by shaving their heads along with the varsity team. "We had a funny bunch of guys on the teams. There were many funny and interesting stories during the season," said Mark Fleming (10).

The freshman team had similar goals, and worked just as hard to achieve them and prove themselves. "We wanted to be able to play better as a team, and eventually we accomplished it," said Chris Sprehe (9). As the season progressed, many of the members reached their personal goals as well as the team's. Dan Kundrat (9) said, "The most memorable moment of the season was when I accomplished my goal of making a shot at the buzzer."

Although the season did not go as well as anticipated, practice paid off in other ways. "Our record was not as good as we would have liked, but we all had fun and gained better knowledge of the game and our competition," said Fleming. The teams both gained much respect because of their dedication to the sport. Kyle Robbins said, "The respect that we gained from our coaches was great. It was a great feeling when they relied on me enough to move me up to the junior varsity team."

Team members said some very funny and memorable things happened during the season. "At one game, Chris Sprehe got a technical foul for dropping the ball and accidentally hitting a kid," said Sean O'Drobinak (9). Kundrat said, "Adam Vetter got bit in the arm by a player at one of the games. Dale Packard (10) said, "I had a behind the back pass at the Lowell game." **-Farren Roark**

Boys' J.V. & Frosh Basketball

J.V. Head Coach- Greg Doane
Freshman Coach- Ray Tarnow
J.V. Team Record- 6-14
Freshman Team Record-12-8

For the Record

After playing basketball for over seven years, Dale Packard (10) has acquired the skills and experience needed to achieve success in this sport. For Packard, this success came at the point and shooting guard positions. Dedication has also been a key role. "If weather permits, I practice every day in my driveway and also whenever we have team practice," he said. According to Packard, "My personal best was against LaPorte. I had fifteen points and four assists." After a tough season, Packard was promoted to dress for sectionals.

Heading down the court towards the basket, Matt Wise (9) dodges from his Portage opponent at an away game. Matt played in the guard position for the freshman team. Photo by Steve Itogs of Gialas

While breaking away from the defense, Craig Lovanovski (9) heads towards the basket in the South Bend game. Lovanovski played on the J.V. team as a forward. Photo by Steve Itogs of Gialas

During pregame warm-ups at a home basketball game, Heather Burke (11) practices her routine along with Jaime Pierce (11) and Maria Rosenbaum (12). Keeping in sync was an important aspect for the girls during their performances. Photo By Julia Hamilton

Becky Guenther (11) joins the rest of the squad in a sideline cheer. Guenther said her favorite part of cheerleading was the numerous competitions they competed in. Photo By John Bir

Boys Join Cheerleading Squad

Along with cheering at the football and basketball games, the cheerleaders attend cheer camp at Purdue University and place in many competitions.

Whether they were winning or losing, or if there was rain or sunshine, the cheerleading squad was there cheering for their football or basketball teams. When they were not cheering at a game, the cheerleaders were perfecting routines at practice or performing in one of the many competitions they participated in throughout the year. The cheerleading squad began their season with tryouts in March following the end to the basketball season. Finally, at the end tryouts, the squad had been chosen. It consisted of twenty four girls and also included two male cheerleaders, something that had not occurred in five years. "I really enjoyed being a part of the cheerleading squad, it was an exciting experience and I became good friends with many of the girls," said Chris Damjanovich (11).

During late July and early August, the cheerleaders took part in the NCA cheer camp at Purdue University. At camp, the varsity cheer squad qualified for nationals while the junior varsity team won the Herky team award. Also at camp, the whole varsity squad was nominated as All-Americans, while Lindsey Kranz (10) and Kristine Rasmussen (11) were named All-American cheerleaders.

Following the beginning of the school year, the team travelled to Gurnee, Illinois to take part in a competition at Great America. It was the first time in years that the varsity squad participated in the coed division, and they gave a performance that earned them a fifth place. The squad also took part in two other competitions in early March. They performed in the Windy City Classic at Navy Pier, where the varsity placed first in the small coed division, and junior varsity placed third. In the Midwest competition at the Lincoln Center in Highland, the varsity beat out teams like Merrillville and LaPorte to take another first place, while junior varsity gained second place.

At the Midwest competition, Kristine Rasmussen (11) received first place in the Senior High Individual Competition. Also, Rasmussen along with Aaron Wirtz (12) placed second in the Coed Partner Stunt Competition. **-Jeremy McGoldrick**

For the Record

"Everyone thought that cheerleading was easy, but it took a lot of hard work and determination," said Aaron Wirtz (12). Wirtz was one of two male cheerleaders on the team. His jobs on the squad included lifts, basket tosses, spotting, and he even did some tumbling. Aaron participated in the Coed Partner Stunt event at the Midwest Competition in Highland, along with Kristine Rasmussen (11). The two took second place in the competition. "It was great working with Aaron; he made everything more fun and easier for me," said Rasmussen.

Cheerleading

Head Coach- Sue Heinzman
All-American- Lindsey Kranz (10) Kristine Rasmussen (11)
Tumbling Award- Lindsey Kranz (10), Emily Rashin (10), Kristine Rasmussen 911), Maria Rosenbaum (12)
Choreography Award- Angela Heinzman (12), Lindsey Kranz (10), Kelli Morgan (11)

During a time-out in the first quarter, the varsity cheer squad takes the court to pump up the crowd. The boys were behind 11-16 at the time and the squad helped raise the spirits of the team. Photo by John Bir

While keeping the team in sync, Angela Heinzman (12) leads the team in a cheer. Heinzman was the only member on the squad all four years of high school. "Cheerleading took up much of my time, but some of my best high school memories were spent with my team," said Heinzman. Photo by John Bir

With Aaron Wirtz (12) cheering in the background, Lindsey Kranz (10) claps her hands in rhythm with her teammates. In her first year on the varsity squad, she was named an All-American. Photo by John Bir

Showing his strength, Chris Damjanovic (11) lifts Kelli Morgan (11). The addition of Damjanovic and Aaron Wirtz allowed the squad to compete in new areas. Photo by John Bir

Diederich takes 1st at State

Gymnastic team struggles through season with a new way of practicing, but takes 6th in conference and sends one to regional and state competition.

Starting the season unsure of what to expect, the gymnastics team had a tough beginning. Having a new coach with a different teaching style added to an uneasy start. With only two wins at the end of the season, the girls all agreed they became better towards the end. "We had some rough times, but we were all really close so we helped each other out a lot. I thought we competed very well and finished our season a lot stronger than when we started," said Ashley Angelini (10).

Most of the team agreed that the most difficult challenge about gymnastics was trying to deal with the pressure. "If you could handle it, you would do well, but if you could not, you would fall apart," said Lisa Diederich (10). Another challenging feat for the girls was trying to learn new skills. "It got frustrating when you kept practicing a new skill and you could not get it," said Nikki Buczek (12).

The first home meet was against Portage, which was the first time the gymnastics team had a home meet in two years. The girls' wait was due to the water bubble that had formed in the floor of the gymnastics area. The girls practiced for two hours a day, six days a week to get ready for the season. The poor team record was the result of a highly competitive conference and sectional which contained four state ranked teams. Merrillville and Chesterton both traveled to Indianapolis for the state tournament.

Hoping for a winning season the team was not satisfied with their record. "We did not have a winning record, but we worked hard to fix the floor and get it in working order thanks to the gymnasts and their parents," said head coach Seurina Vinovich.

Despite the difficult competition in the area, the gymnastic team still managed to place sixth in the conference meet and sixth in the sectionals. Individually, Lisa Diederich (10) advanced to the regionals in the floor exercise and on the vault. Diederich then worked hard on her floor routine. The practice paid off because she went on to win first place for the floor exercise at the state tournament. She scored a 9.725 on her routine. **-Matt Phillips**

For the Record

At first, gymnastics was not Ashley Angelini's (10) favorite. "When I first started I used to pretend I was sick so I didn't have to go to practice," said Angelini. After nine years of practice and competition she had grown to love gymnastics. Her favorite event was the floor exercise. "I liked the floor exercise because you got to express your own personality," she said. During the year Angelini suffered from a concussion and a back sprain. "I couldn't stand watching everybody compete while I was out with an injury," she said. Overall, Angelini was a team player. "I tried hard for the team's benefit," she said.

Gymnastics

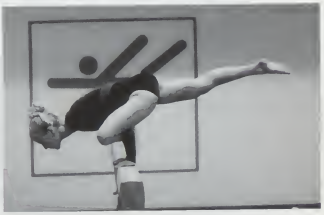
Head Coach- Seurina Vinovich
Team Captains- April Henderlong (12) and Ashley Angelini (10)
MVP- Lisa Diederich (10) and Ashley Angelini (10)
Team Record- 2-11
Conference Record- 0-6
Sectionals- 6th

While Coach Suerina Vinovich watches, Nikki Buczek (12) completes her attempt in the vault. This was Buczek's third year in gymnastics. Her favorite event happened to be the vault. Photo by Dan Hanft of Gielos

Competing in the floor exercise competiton, Anna Egofske (9) delivers her highly energetic dance routine. Egofske was voted as the most improved player by her teammates. Photo by Dan Hanft of Gielos

After completing her floor routine, Melissa Machowicz (10) displays her finishing pose. Machowicz was one of only three gymnasts to letter for the team. Photo by Dan Hanft of Giolas

Showing her balance and strength Kristine Russell (10) performs her routine on the uneven bars. Unfortunately Russell broke her ankle during the season, but still won the Good Sportsmanship award. Photo by Dan Hanft of Giolas



Since demonstrating balance, coordination, and strength are needed in gymnastics to score points, April Henderlong (12) attempts to show all three on the balance beam. Henderlong was one of the captains. Photo by Dan Hanft of Giolas

Looking ahead to carefully plan her next move Ashley Mattox (11) holds herself on the uneven bars. Mattox said her favorite event was the balance beam. Photo by Dan Hanft of Giolas

Utilizing all her skills, Lisa Diederich (10) catapults herself over the high jump. Diederich won runner-up at the regional and qualified for state in high jump. Photo by John Bir

To focus on the race ahead, Kathy Kutanovski (11) crouches down at the starting line. Kutanovski helped lead her relay team to the sectionals and advanced to the regional meet. Photo by John Bir

Running as fast as her legs can carry her, Courtney Sertich (11) sprints toward the finish during practice. Sertich earned a junior varsity letter during her track season. She also participated in the 400-meter relay team. Photo by John Bir

Heather Forney (10) and Stephanie Dennis (9) practice the 1600 meter relay. The pair were on the regional relay team along with Kera Boog (10) and Kathy Kutanovski (11). The two also received their first letters in track. Photo by John Bir

Individuals Defy the Odds

Girls' Track team takes on the challenge of being a young team with a new coach; sophomore leader Lisa Diederich defies the odds and makes it to State.

Taking on the monotonous duty of daily practices in inclement weather may sound ridiculous, but the Girls' Track team was up to the challenge. Not only did they face the daily grind of training, but they also dealt with a lack of leadership. Only three seniors participated on the varsity conference team, so the young team struggled and faced up to the challenge. The team had an uplifting start when they won their first meet against Lowell 82 -37. They also had an overwhelming victory over Hobart with a score of 112-10. Overall, the team had an outdoor season record of 3-7.

"We had a few individuals who stood out, but we had a very young team. We only had three seniors on the team," said Coach Donnie Zelaya. The lack of experience may have damaged the team's progress, but many individuals showed their athletic prowess. "One of my goals was to get past sectionals, and I did because I was on the four-by-four-relay team. We finished fourth in sectionals," said Kathy Kutanovski (11). Kutanovski was one of the regional qualifiers on the 1600 relay team along with Kera Boog (10), Stephanie Dennis (9), and Heather Forney (10).

Throughout the season there were several individuals who stepped up and took over the challenge of being a leader. Lisa Diederich (10) was one of those individuals. Diederich stood out from the rest in the high jump. The young leader qualified for Regionals where she won runner-up in the high jump. She then competed in the state meet. Diederich was named the Most Valuable Track Team Member at the Spring Banquet. Sarah Vickers (10) earned Most Improved for her efforts in the 1600-meter on the varsity team.

While the team worked hard, there were still times when they got to kick back and relax. "One of the funniest things happened at sectionals. Tara Menacher (9) slid down five rows of bleachers on her stomach. We were laughing for hours," said Kathy Kutanovski (11). Defying the odds of being such a young team, the Girls' Track team enjoyed a season full of individual victories and hope for the next season. **-Kim Lambka**

Girls' Track

Head Coach- Donnie Zelaya
MVP- Lisa Diederich (10)
Team Record- 3-7
Conference Record- 1-5
Post Season Play-
Sectionals 3rd place
Conference 6th place

For the Record

A lack of leadership gave the team its fair share of trouble, but young leaders stepped up to the challenge. Sheena Sum (9) participated in the 1600 and the 800-meter races on the varsity conference team and surprised every one by leading the 3200 relay team and winning the 1600 in the sectional. Then the young athlete qualified for regionals in the 1600 and the 3200 meter relay. The freshman received Most Promising Track Team Member at the Sports Banquet. "She deserved it. Sheena worked hard this season," said senior Beth Sabato (12).

Propelling the shot into the air, Beth Erickson (10) completes her throw. Erickson made the sectional shotput and the discus teams and received her first varsity letter for her success. Photo by John Bir

Emily James (10) hurdles through the air. James also participated in the 300-meter hurdles on the varsity conference team and the sectional team. Unfortunately, James did not advance to regionals. Photo by John Bir

With an intense look on his face, Peter Rosdil (12) prepares to throw the discus. Rosdil said "Track has been a large part of my life for the last four years. I never knew how much it meant to me until it was over." Photo by John Bir

While planning out his landing, Rob Bruno (10) glides through the air during an attempt at the long jump. Bruno's favorite moment was traveling to Mansfield, Ohio for the Mehawk Relays. Photo by John Bir

For the Record

Often seen in the weight room conditioning for the next track meet, it was no wonder Derek Hesher (12) had the top spot on the boys' track team for shot put. Derek had several achievements throughout the season. He earned a sectional championship, a Duneland conference championship, and 2nd place in regionals. A four-year member of the track team, Derek's persistence in perfection led him to throw a remarkable personal best of 52' 11". Derek said, "Track was a great experience for me, and I will never forget some of the memories I have gained."

Underclassmen Give Support

Younger talent aid varsity squad in fourth place finish in sectionals among twelve teams. J.V. defeats Merrillville in the Conference championship.

Even though the boys' track team was moderately young in experience, they performed like a much more experienced team, according to their coaches. The team consisted of over 80 members and more than half were freshmen and sophomores. Coach Dennis Bunda noted that the track team only had 37 team members in 1997 but had 82 on the roster for this season. Although the coaches ran the teams, leadership also came from the upperclassmen. "The team was an extremely close knit group. Coach Bunda made it feel like a second family," said Pete Rosdil (12).

The boys started out the season winning about every other meet. However, towards the middle of the season they went on a five-win streak which boosted their team record. During this streak of wins, the guys destroyed the competition by at least forty points or more. "It was great when I went to the Portage/Merrillville meet and beat Cujue from Merrillville for 4th place," said Bryce Segert (11).

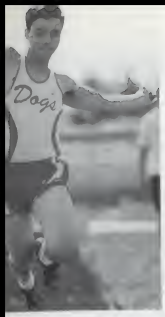
There were many notable accomplishments that happened throughout the course of the season. For instance, Josh Zacher (11) set the school record in the 300-meter hurdles. Both Derek Hescher (12) and Tony Rivera (10) went to the state tournament. Rivera placed as 2nd runner-up in the mile, and the team even survived a storm during sectionals. "Sectionals were cool because a storm hit and we all had to go into the basement, so it gave me a rest between my four events," said Josh Zacher (11).

Other memorable events happened during the season besides the storm. "I hit a hurdle and fell. Then I got up only to fall again on the next hurdle," said Bryan Kowert (10). Ryan Olson said, "I jumped high jump and fell through the gap in the mats and hit my head on the cement and my back too. It hurt pretty bad," said Ryan Olson (11).

Several of the team members said that the Hobart Little Five was the best part of the season. "We beat Canada at the Little Five," said Rob Bruno (10). "One of my favorite moments was going to Mansfield, Ohio and beating Canada," added Segert. **-Brad Kowert and Matt Phillips**

Boys' Track

Head Coach- Dennis Bunda
Team Captains- Derek Hescher (12), John Sum (12), Jeremy Williams (12)
Team Record- 11-8
Conference Record- 1-6
Sectionals- 4th



In an attempt to clear the high jump, Ryan Olsen (11), arches his back as he clears the bar. Olsen achieved a personal best by clearing 5"6" in his final home meet. Olsen also ran the 100-meter dash. Photo by Jake Camp of Giolas

Elevating with ease, Jerrod Mann (11) rises over the bar. Mann was the only one to take up the pole vault on the boys' track team. Mann's best finish was in a three way meet where he tied for first with a jump of 12 feet. Photo by Jake Camp of Giolas

As John Pittman (9) hands off the baton, Bryce Segert starts to pull away. Segert also ran the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles. Photo by Jake Camp of Giolas

While competing in the 300-meter hurdles, Paul Schmidt (10) clears a hurdle cleanly. The team lost to Merrillville in the second to last meet of the season. Photo by Jake Camp of Giolas

for the Record

Hockey

Highland	9-1	Sandburg	6-0
Lake Central	11-0	Carroll	3-1
DeLasalle	6-1	Ben Davis	4-4
Highland	3-3	Carmel	1-1
Lincoln Way	6-4	Lawrence	0-6
Ben Davis	2-7	Lake Central	1-3
TF South	1-2	Bishop Noll	3-1
Sandburg	8-5	Munster	2-5
Munster	3-2	DeLasalle	7-4
Bishop Noll	1-4	Marian	3-1
SB Riley	2-5	Munster	4-3
FW Snider	2-8	Lake Central	10-3
Sb Clay	2-10	DeLasalle	7-3
Sb St. Joe	1-5	TF South	2-0
Lake Central	10-0	Lincolnway	3-4
TF South	2-6	Marian	2-3
Highland	5-2	Homestead	3-2
Lincoln Way	4-5	Bloomington	2-1
Sandburg	4-4	Lincolnway	4-3
TF South	1-2	Lincolnway	1-4

Boys' Swimming & Diving

Chesterton	69-75
Munster Relay	4th place
Valparaiso	80-105
Highland	89-96
Merrillville	115-70
LaPorte Relay	4th place
Portage	75-110
Griffith	106-80
LaPorte	119-67
Munster	55-94
Hobart	125-60
Rensselaer	111-76
Michigan City	116-64
DAC @ Hobart	3rd place
Lake Central	63-122
Kankakee Valley	117-66
Kankakee Valley	133-69
Sectionals	2nd place

Girls' Swimming & Diving

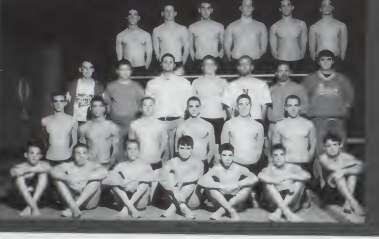
Lake Central	47-133
Michigan City	116-70
Chesterton	76-110
LaPorte Invite	4th place
Valparaiso	77-109
Highland	124-62
Merrillville	117-62
Portage	102.5-83.5
Highland Invite	29
Munster	12-00
DAC @ LaPorte	3rd place
Rensselaer	104- 52
Sectionals	2nd place
State	16th place

Gymnastics

Valparaiso	93.025-108.625
Chesterton	94.65-110.20
Portage	95.65-100.325
Hobart	93.80-104.825
Lafayette Invite	62.5-108.15
Elkhart	77.575-96.05
Michigan City	91.725-92.80
Merrillville	93.125-112.50
Lowell	100.15-96.75
Lafayette Jefferson	95.9-88.55
Sectionals	6th place

Hockey

Front Row: Kevin Laduke, Brandon Skopelja, Matt Kavalunas, Catherine Yokovich, Adam Zimmerman, Mike Weiss, Paul Chepela **Row 2:** Billy Condron, Brian Walter, Chip Walter, Bob Cummings, Greg Holiday, Andrew Cain, Tim Grossenheider, Coach Dave **Back Row:** Coach Jim Watson, Chris Farley, Greg Spadoni, Ryan Ostrowski, Kevin Nolan, Jason Gondek, John Krull, Eric Lakich, Jim Duffy, Coach Tony Negrelly



Boys' Swimming & Diving

Front Row: Brian Wheeler, Brandon Boyer, Garret Willis, Lou Pitzel, Grant Springman, Ryan Hecker, Ted Vlahos **Row 2:** Matt Melton, Ryan Orzechowicz, Sean Cash, Kevin Klein, Mike Stanek, Matt Ruble **Row 3:** Jim Sanford, Brandon Segert, Coach Mark Butcher, Paul Schmidt, Coach Mike Casey, Coach Doug Norris, Steve Klein **Back Row:** Chris Stanek, Bill Schmidt, Dave Huber, Donald Anderson, Ryan Smith, Max Roberts

Girl's Swimming & Diving

Front Row: Lindsey Gora, Tiffany Iurillo, Reanna Borchert, Kathryn Scearce **Row 2:** Coach Mark Butcher, Dana Hernick, Elizabeth Lewis, Kari Durachta, Kara Gora, Emily Booth, Elizabeth Johnson, Amanda Ketcher **Row 3:** Coach Doug Norris, Lisa Diederich, Jennifer Dienes, Ericka Nance, Stephanie Tithof, Jessica Frank, Katie Bieker, Ashley Angelini **Back Row:** Ashley Campbell, Beth Sabato, Fernanda Cucolo, Jessica Nance, Susan Hrapcak, Ashley Amodeo

Gymnastics

Front Row: April Henderlong, Nikki Buczek **Row 2:** Coach Seurina Vinovich **Back Row:** Erin Quinn, Courtney Bright, Kristine Russell, Temple Martin, Lisa Diederich, Ashley Angelini, Melissa Machowicz, Ashley Mattox, Anna Egofske

Boys' Track and Field

Front Row: Sean McDaniel, Adam Krajewski, Matt Eaton, Mike Ashford, Joe Sabato, Joel Cook, Donnie Grubbe, Tom Cornelius, Joe Cervantes, Fred Rosenwinkel, Justin Bell, Greg Schatzman Row 2: Jeff Jillson, Mike Wyenhuis, Brian Wheeler, David Alt, Danny Ostrowinski, Dan Dinh, Tim Gramenz, Chad Gregg, Robert Kusnl, Rob Bruno, Greg Holiday, Scott Qualizza, Brad Wilson, Kyle Knutson, Johnny Pitman Row 3: Aaron Chandler, Steve Hamilton, Kevin Feder, Paul Schmidt, Morgan Darley, Coach Keith Iddings, Coach Dennis Burda, Coach Armantrout, Craig Bonaccorsi, Heather Raymond, William Friedenicks, Zach Make, Brent Brown, Steve Marshall, Ryan Orzechowicz Row 4: Branko Aleksatja, Bryan Kowert, Tony Rivera, Justin Studt, Eric Mickey, Craig Lozanovski, Peter Andre, Corey Peterson, Nick Paulauski, Tim Zucher, John Sum, Jerrod Mann, Nick Camp; Kevin Klein, Jeff Beck Back Row: Kevin Nolan, Derek Hescher, Chris Damjanovich, Ryan Olsen, Bob Kuehl, Josh Zucher, Peter Rosdil, Jim Little, Bryce Seigert, Nick Lozovski, Tom West, Jeremy Williams, Kevin Cornelius

Girl's Track and Field

Front Row: Beth Sabato, Kelly Rediger, Sarah Vickers, Susan Thomas, Olivia Doreski, Sheena Sum, Nikki Lee, Courtney Bright, Daniella Goreski, Aimee Cooper, Joell Dixon **Row 2:** Kathy Kutanovski, Samantha Tobias, Stephanie Dennis, Coach George Tachtaris, Coach Donnie Zelaya, Coach Ken Witt, Amanda Auron, Jill Ballard, Kathy Shaw, Heather Forney **Row 3:** Lisa Remlinger, Tara Menacher, Ashley Angelini, Emily James, Marisa Wheeler, Jennifer Dienes, Emily Tromp, Amanda Ashley, Courtney Svihra, Kelli Hein, Courtney Sertich, Sarah Myers **Back Row:** Carly Schilling, Jill Jones, Jen Schaafsma, Lisa Diederich, LaKea Harvey, Melissa Kallay, Fernanda Cucolo, Emily Watson, Amber West, Elizabeth Erickson, Elizabeth Lewis

Girl's Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Nikki Echterling, Victoria Liss, Megan Makarek, Asma Khalid, Katie Wusik **Back Row:** Coach Debbie Cuffia, Katie Kurowski, Alina Oliver, Katie Chelap, Blythe Hamilton, Tracy Farnsworth, Coach Laura Neal

Girl's J.V. Tennis

Front Row: Becky Wilk, Veronica Dominguez, Lauren Miller, Erin Crowley, Sidra Malik, Katelin Klepsch **Back Row:** Gabrielle Fraire, Lauren Tracy, Kelly Cowan, Coach Laura Neal, Keri Cuculich, Asma Khalid, Colleen Drasga

for the Record

Boys' Track & Field

Lowell	75.5- 55.5
Valparaiso	195-107.75
Chesterton	195-39.5
East Chicago	59-22
Kankakee Valley	59-86
Hobart	83-48
Hobart	117.5-81
River Forest	117.5- 53
Griffith	117.5-74.5
Wirt	117.5-4
LaPorte	30.5-62
Michigan City	30.5-74.5
Delphi	93-63
Frankfort	93-116
North Newton	93- 57
Taylor	93- 5
Twin Lakes	93-28
Merrillville	19-41
Portage	19-107

Girls' Track & Field

Lowell	82-37
Valparaiso	21.5-73
Chesterton	21.5-61.5
Kankakee Valley	57-83
East Chicago	57-16
Hobart	112-10
Michigan City	34-80
LaPorte	34-42
Merrillville	30-90
Portage	30-36
Sectionals	3rd place

Girls' Varsity Tennis

Lowell	3-1
Munster	0- 5
Lake Centrall	1-4
Michigan City	1-4
Chesterton	2-3
LaPorte	2-3
Hobart	4-1
Valparaiso	1-4
Merrillville	0- 5
Kankakee Valley	4-1
Andrean	1-4
Portage	2-3
Sectional	
Calumet	4-1
Griffith	3-2
Regional	
Gavit	4-1
Munster	0- 5

Girls' JV. Tennis

Lowell	2-3
Munster	3-2
Lake Central	1-4
Michigan City	5-0
Chesterton	3-2
LaPorte	2-3
Hobart	4-1
Valparaiso	1-4
Merrillville	2-3
Andrean	4-1
Portage	3-2

Teamwork Fulfills Team Goals

The Varsity Baseball team uses its dedication and hard work to become the co-champions of the Duneland Athletic Conference with LaPorte.

As winter slowly began to melt away into spring, the Varsity Baseball team began their season. With high hopes for a victorious post-season, they set four main goals: to obtain twenty wins, a conference championship, a "Classic" championship, and a sectional championship. By the end of May they had accomplished the first three and were eyeing the fourth.

The season began with a loss to Hammond, but the team then began a three game winning streak. After another loss, the team won seven games in a row. During the winning streak, the team beat LaPorte for the first time since joining the Duneland Athletic Conference. The numerous wins were the source for many of the season's lasting memories. Ryan Wilkinson (11) said, "The best game of the season was the Munster game in which we beat them 10-0." Kris Buckman (11) said, "My best memory was beating LaPorte and holding them to only one run." After a close 3-2 loss to Michigan City, the team began another seven game winning streak. The team then faced LaPorte again. In this meeting, LaPorte won with a score of 4-1. As the season wore down, the boys became the Duneland Conference Co-Champions. They shared this title with LaPorte.

A huge aspect of their success was the close unity the team possessed. Mike Sykes (12) said, "We came together as a team this year. This may have been the closest group of guys I've ever played with." In addition, assistant coach Chad Bush (English) said, "We have developed a truly unselfish team concept. It's a tribute to the boys' dedication to each other." The true test of the team's ability was the anticipation of the post-season tournament. Austin Szalmasagi (12) said, "We looked forward to the tournament for so long that just waiting for it to start was nearly impossible."

However, to the teams disappointment, they drew Merrillville for the first round of sectionals and won, but were defeated by a tough Lake Central team in the second round. However, T.J. Pruzin (11) continued to pitch games that came close to perfection throughout the post-season play. -Erin Kirk and Katie Reid

For the Record

Ryan Pope (12) has been playing baseball since his freshman year of high school. Ryan played his sophomore year at Andrean, but came back for his junior and senior years. While switching schools, it was his love for the game that kept him going. Ryan's best memory was from the Hobart game last year when he threw a no-hitter after he was sick. To continue his positive play, Ryan also led the Duneland conference in batting averages and in doubles to continue. Looking back on his years of playing, Pope said, "I loved the game; it's America's favorite pastime."

Boy's Varsity Baseball

Head Coach- Ed Sherry
Team Captains- T.J. Pruzin (11), Mark Bohling (12), Mike Sykes (12)
Team Record- 21-6
Conference Record- 12-2
Post Season Play- Lost to Lake Central in second game

With great determination, Ryan Wilkinson (11) prepares for the oncoming pitch during the Highland game. During the season, Wilkinson hit over .300 and made less than five errors at second base. Photo by John Bir

Trying to make the play, Kris Buckman (11) quickly throws to the first baseman. Buckman's favorite memory was beating LaPorte for the first time since they joined the Duneland Athletic Conference. Photo by John Bir

Throwing the first pitch, Austin Szalmasagi (12) begins the game against Highland. The guys went on to win the game with a score of 13 to 5. Photo by John Bir

As the pitch nears, T.J. Pruzin (11), prepares a powerful swing. Pruzin was one of the pitchers as well as one of the team captains. Photo by John Bir

Watching as the ball is hit over the field, Bret Govert (11) prepares to make his way to first base. Govert played third baseman and according to his coaches was an important asset to the team's defensive play. Photo by John Bir

As the Highland opponent slides into first base, Dan Knaga (11) crouches low to catch the throw. Knaga made the out and the rest of the guys went on to win the game. Photo by John Bir

After releasing a pitch, Chad Pruzin (9) watches the ball hit the catcher's mitt. Pruzin also played third base for the freshman team. Photo by John Bir

While in a team huddle, Coach Chad Bush (English) talks with his team. Coach Bush said, "My goal was to develop the discipline and dedication the players needed to compete on a higher level." Photo by John Bir

After making the play at second, Kyle Long (10) presents the ball to the umpire in the doubleheader against Munster. Long said, "Winning both games against Munster was a real accomplishment for the junior varsity team". Photo by John Bir

On the receiving end, Craig Horvat (9) grasps the ball in his hand, preparing to return it to the pitcher. Horvat said, "I played in the outfield and the infield, but catching was my favorite position." Photo by John Bir

Younger Hitters Gain Experience

Freshmen and junior varsity teams compete with talent, goals and ambition to play on higher level of play. Unity plays key role in both teams' success.

Preparing players for the varsity team defined what the junior varsity and freshmen teams were all about. J.V. Coach Chad Bush (English) said, " My goal for the team was to develop discipline and dedication."

The junior varsity had a slow start. "We began the season on the wrong foot. but we came together winning ten of eleven games in a row," said Kevin Sendre (10). As a team, there was the expectation to do well in the Duneland Conference; however, the result was winning seven and losing six. Another high expectation was to win a large majority of the games. Patrick Baidinger (10) said, "We wanted to go 18-2 for the year, but toward the end we just played for fun." The season came to an end with the record of 13-8. Although the team did not do as well as they wanted to do, they still had memorable moments. Jeff Mills (10) said, "The whole season had been a riot, but I will never forget the Portage game. I pitched a shutout." Victorious games made the season more memorable for players. "My favorite game to remember was the Munster doubleheader because we won twice with hustle and class," said Coach Bush. Kyle Long (10) agreed, "Playing Munster was the best game for me because we beat a really great team."

Freshman baseball provided an opportunity to play with different talent. "Coming into the season was different. I played with people I have never played with before, but we came together and did our best," said Troy Bush (9). Disappointments also plagued the team. During the championship game of the Crown Point Classic the freshman team was beating Andrean 8-2 in the fifth inning, but Andrean came back and took the lead. Craig Horvat (9) said, "We ended up losing the tournament by one point. It was a big upset for us."

Disappointment and gaining experiences were part of baseball. Coach Bryan Trippeer said, "The most memorable experience for me as a coach was during the Lake Central game. I believe that was the game the players really came together as a team."

-Stephanie Black and Alison Ruess

Boys' Baseball

J.V. Head Coach- Chad Bush
Team Record- 13-8
Conference Record- 7-6

Freshman Head Coach- Bryan Trippeer
Team Record- 17-6
Conference Record- 8-3

During the freshman game against Merrillville, Troy Bush (9) and Steve Etter (9) discuss the game situation. The boys played Merrillville three times during the season and won two of the three games. Photo by John Bir

Attemptinga run to third, David Kepperling (10) slides into the base. Kepperling said, "Baseball was a lot of fun. I liked to compete with other people and baseball did that." Photo by John Bir

For the Record

From the age of six Chad Pruzin (9) has played baseball. "I have played practically my whole life," said Pruzin. Chad played third based and was one of the starting pitchers for the freshman team. Chad had two personal goals for the season. One was to not lose a single game pitching. Another was to have a good batting average throughout the entire season. "I didn't bat as well as I would have liked," said Pruzin. However, he did not lose a single game pitching. Pruzin said, "Playing baseball was a lot of fun, I plan to continue playing throughout high school."

For the Record

Eric Peschke (11) has competed in golf ever since he was ten years old. "I joined golf because my mom and dad both played," Peschke said. Eric hit range balls everyday and chipped and putted every other day. All the practice showed when he achieved one under par at Turkey Creek against Andrean. "It was a great feeling because I knew I could do it." Eric said that there was no bad part of golf since he liked it so much. About his future in golf, he said, "I wrote to colleges all over the country. I hoped to play Division I Golf at one of them."

Dave Yates (12) saves his ball from the sand trap. Yates was one of the team captains and was also one of the four players who was able to obtain par in a match. Photo by John Bir

Squating down, Nate Szymczak (11) lines up his putt. About the cold weather, Szymczak said, "The freezing rain affected my game because the clubs slipped out of my hands." Photo by Don Hanft of Gaslas

Golfers Do More Than Swing

Boys' golf team ends regular season with only four overall losses, take 2nd place at sectionals and regionals respectively, and 9th at State.

Starting off with a tough win over Munster, the boys' golf team continued to win five straight matches and were awarded one second place in the Lafayette Jefferson Tournament and two first place trophies at the Kankakee Valley and Rensselaer Invitationals. Their mere four losses were scattered, but came towards the end of their regular season.

Weather had a huge effect on most of the matches. Head Coach Mr. Art Equihua said, "Almost all the matches early in the year were cold, wet, and windy. The match versus Munster was very tough. We had 20 mile-per-hour winds, yet we won by one stroke!" Nate Szymczak (11) added, "There were only about five matches with good weather." Three of their matches were rained out and had to be rescheduled for the end of the season. Even some of their practices were hard to complete. Mark Vlink (9) said, "It was always really windy at Whitehawk."

Individually, the boys played great. Grayson Fenwick (12), Dave Yates (12), Eric Peschke (11), and Nate Szymczak (11) were able to achieve par or under in a match and a few others got close. "Chris Kutanovski (9) shot a 37 in a varsity match," added Coach Equihua.

A few funny and memorable events occurred that will help the boys remember the season forever. One incident that no one will forget was when Vlink fell in the ditch at one of their matches. Vlink tried to not remember that folly and explained his most memorable moment. "When Patrick Spohr (9) had a good round going then got a 10 on the last hole, we shouted, 'Go Spohrasim' (Spohr's nickname)."

The team entered the sectional tournament during the first week of June and placed 2nd which qualified them for regional play. During the regional tournament they also placed 2nd which allowed them the privilege of playing at state level. The boys worked diligently and earned a ninth place finish among the best golfers in Indiana. **-Ashley Mann**

Boys' Golf

Head Coach- Mr. Art Equiha
Team Captains- Jared Hays (12)
Dave Yates (12), Grayson Fenwick (12)
MVP-Eric Peschke (11)
Team Record- 15-4
Conference Record- 11-3
Post Season Play-Sectional- 2nd, Regional- 2nd, State- 9th

Jared Hays (12) looks at his golf ball before he putts. Hays was one of the three team captains and ended up with a 41.73 score average for the regular season.
Photo by John Bir

Chris Kutanovski (9) marks his ball to allow the next person to putt. Kutanovski had played for nine years and was the only freshman who played in varsity matches. Kutanovski said, "The best part of the season was when Mark Vlink (9) fell in the creek." Photo by Don Hanft of Gialas

Charlie Festa (11), Brandon Skopelja (11), and Kyle Robbins (9) wait for the rest of the team to finish after a tiring match against Chesterton and Valparaiso. They won both matches; Chesterton by nine strokes and Valpo by twelve strokes. Photo by John Bir

Contemplating his next putt, Grayson Fenwick (12) checks out the distance between the ball and the hole. Fenwick had been playing golf for thirteen years and said that the Beaver Invite was the most challenging. "We won it the year before, and there was pressure on winning again." Photo by John Bir

Underdogs Take Sectionals

The girls' tennis team struggles during the regular season, but gains victories over Calumet and Griffith to become sectional champions.

As the weather began to turn nice and many of the students were thinking of the end of the year , the girls' tennis teams were just beginning their seasons. After two months of preparation and conditioning, the girls were ready to start. With the loss of some valuable seniors from the previous year, and having their year looked at by the newspapers and other area teams as a rebuilding year, the girls believed that they had to prove themselves.

The varsity team kicked off the season in early April with a victory over Lowell. However, they came up short in their next five matches and were defeated by tough opponents like Munster, Lake Central, and state-ranked LaPorte despite strong showings by some of the girls. "The first varsity match I played was against LaPorte. I just went out there to have fun and try my hardest, and I ended up winning," said Asma Khalid (10). The team picked up its next win against Hobart in early May and also defeated Kankakee Valley later in the month.

With their regular season coming to a close, and standing at a record of 3-9, the girls looked towards sectionals with high hopes. The team went into sectionals very much an underdog, but came together and became the sectional champions by defeating Griffith. "I think our most important win was the sectional championship. We proved to everyone what we could do as a team," said Kate Wusik (12).

The team went on to defeat Gavit 4-1 in their first regional match, before being defeated by Munster. However, the girls kept Munster on the court for almost three hours.

Despite ending with a 6-10 record, the varsity girls played hard all season and became very close to one another. "We all became good friends and got along great, which made the season much more fun," said Megan Makarek (12).

The junior varsity team had a very promising season. The girls took 3rd place at the Merrillville Doubles Tournament and ended their season on the positive side with a 6-5 record. **-Jeremy McGoldrick**

For the Record

Playing tennis for six years, including four years on the high school team, Katie Wusik (12) had begun to appreciate the sport more and more. She participated in doubles with partner Katie Kurowski (11). "I loved playing doubles with Katie as my partner; we worked really well together and had fun doing it," said Wusik. Katie was one of two captains on the team, and was also given the Positive Attitude award. Katie enjoyed the season and her teammates. She said, "The team was incredibly close. We pulled together during the tough times."

Girls' Tennis

Head Coach- Debbie Cuffia
Team Captains- Alina Oliver (12)
Katie Wusik
MVP- Alina Oliver
Team Record- Varsity 6-10
Junior Varsity- 6-5
Conference Record- 1-6
Post Season Play- Sectional Champ

On a match against Andrean, Katelin Klepsch (10) backhands the ball over the net to score a point. At the home match versus the 59'ers the junior varsity team won 4-1. Photo by Jake Camp of Giolas

On a doubles match with her partner, Blythe Hamilton (12) grips the racket tightly in an attempt to hit the ball past her opponent. In her fourth year on the team, Hamilton participated in doubles with Victoria Liss (11). Photo by Jake Camp of Giolas

As she gets her feet set, Alina Oliver (12) keeps her concentration on the ball. Oliver participated in number one singles and took lessons twice a week. Photo by Jake Camp of Gialas

With great precision, Victoria Liss (11) positions the ball in the right spot on her racket. Due to a car accident, Liss was out at the start of the season, but returned to play doubles with Blythe Hamilton. Photo By John Bir

Returning a serve during a home singles match, Asma Khalid (10) displays the correct form and technique. Khalid began the year on junior varsity, but moved up to varsity in mid season against LaPorte. Photo by Jake Camp of Gialas

While anticipating where her opponents' return will be, Katie Kurowski (11) gets prepared to move to the ball. Along with Alina Oliver (12), Kurowski took lessons at Match Point Tennis and Fitness Club in Griffith. Photo by Jake Camp of Gialas

Struggling to strike the opposing batter out, Nicole Frost (11) releases the ball towards the plate. Frost had been involved with softball for eleven years. Photo by John Bir

Concentrating on the pitch, Lacy Holevis (9) attempts to trick the batter and throw a curve ball. Holevis said, "I was in love with the game of softball." Photo by John Bir

As the ball quickly rolls towards her, Sarah Zondor (11) strives to scoop it up into her glove. Zondor faced the challenge of playing the position of second baseman as well as short stop. Photo by John Bir

Squatting down in order to field the ball, Kendra Rather (9) attempts to retrieve the ball and return it to first base. Rather had hopes of pursuing a future softball career during her college years. Photo by John Bir

Victories Hit Close To Home

The varsity team's season encounters disappointing losses while the junior varsity team almost runs through schedule undefeated.

After achieving premiere game victories for both the junior varsity and varsity teams, the softball season was off to a tremendous start. Along with their dedication, the girls' season was also scattered with unforgettable memories. Megan Mulholland (9) said, "Every moment of the season has been a wonderful memory and will stay with me for a long time."

After a successful first game, the varsity team met with a disappointing three losses before achieving another victory against Chesterton. During the rest of the season, the team encountered other opposing teams which challenged their skills and led them to achieve a disappointing record of 13-14. Kelly Davis (11) said, "Although our season did not go as well as we expected, we were still satisfied with our effort and achievements." With a bitter loss at sectionals, the varsity season came to a hasty end. Lindsey Nelson (12) said, "Even though we did not technically win at sectionals, we still considered it to be a personal victory."

On the other hand, the junior varsity team had an overall triumphant season. With only two close losses against Lake Central and Munster, the team was virtually undefeated. A key to their successful season was practicing six days out of the week for at least an hour and a half. Cathy Yokovich (9) said, "The practices were strenuous, but it all paid off when game time came. This season has been one of the most difficult seasons, but also one of the most memorable."

"There were just too many funny stories I could not pick one, everyday there was something funny that went on. I had never played on a team that had as much fun as we did," said Crystal Dille (10). For example, during the last home game, the girls had senior night where the underclassmen decorated the seniors' cars in the field. They also gave them many memorable items to take to college. Christina Douglas (12) said, "It was great to see how close we became as a team." -Farren Roark and Wendy Splitgerber

Girls' Softball

Head Coach- Chrissy Pepa and Dana Seifert
Team Captains- Christina Douglas (12) and Sarah Douglas (12)
MVP- Christina Douglas (12) and Sarah Douglas (12)
Varsity Team Record- 13-14
J.V. Team Record-18-2

For the Record

For ten years, Sarah Douglas (12) has been playing softball, along with her twin sister, Christina. When they were younger, their dad would take them to softball games and they had aspirations of being like the players. Their whole family has continuously supported them and pushed them to reach the next level. Christina said, "It helped out tremendously when we had support; it made my accomplishments worthwhile." Both of the girls will be going on scholarships to De Paul University to play Division One softball as Blue Demons.

Jaime Staniszeski (12) prepares to launch the ball out of the park. Staniszeski said, "I gained skills such as respect, sportsmanship, and dedication that I would carry with me throughout my life." Photo by John Bir

Angry about an occurrence in the game, Wendy Kurcz (9) makes her opinion well known. Practicing every day for two hours after school helped Kurcz to perfect her catching abilities. She said, "If I am good enough, I plan on trying out for a professional team." Photo by John Bir

for the Record

Boys' Freshman Baseball

Gavit	14-0
Lowell	6-5
Munster	2-4/4-7
Valparaiso	10-0
Bishop Noll	21-0/19-1
Merrillville	8-1
Hobart	9-7/14-8
Lowell	10-3
Michigan City	10-0
Portage	9-3
Chesterton	2- 5
Merrillville	4- 5
Highland	19-1
Hebron	11-0
Bishop Noll	19-1
Andrean	8-9
Valparaiso	8-4
Lake Central	7-4
Merrillville	16-4
Portage	4- 5

Boys' JV. Baseball

Chesterton	2-5
Michigan City	2-3
Merrillville	8-7
Portage	9-8
Valparaiso	2-5
Hobart	6-5
LaPorte	1-4
Andrean	6-5
Andrean	7-6
Chesterton	4-3
Michigan City	6-1
Hobart	17-4
Highland	5-4
Highland	4-14
Portage	6-0
Munster	7-5
Munster	7-5
LaPorte	5-10
Valparaiso	0-5
Lake Central	1-7
Lowell	8-6

Boys' Varsity Baseball

Hammond High	12-2
Chesterton	9-5
Michigan City	8-3
Hobart	4-2
Griffith	9-8
Merrillville	12-5
Portage	16-0
Lake Central	4-3
Lake Central	2-1
Valparaiso	9-3
LaPorte	5-1
Chesterton	5-1
Michigan City	3-2
Hobart	11-0
Highland	13-5
Merrillville	8-1
Portage	5-2
Gary West Side	11-1
Munster	10-0
Valparaiso	3-2
LaPorte	4-1
Kankakee Valley	3-2
Lowell	7-2
Hammond Gavit	8-3

Boys' JV. Golf

Hobart	176-177
Munster	187-182
KV	190-191
Andrean	186-188
Valparaiso	178-174
Chesterton	188-186

Boys' Freshman Baseball

Front Row: Dave Clayton, Jim Ponziano, Danny Mellis, Stephen Etter, Joe Ullman **Row 2:** Brandon Barr, Craig Horvat, Chad Pruzin, Anthony Oberman, Brad McCuey, Matt Wise, Chris Bush **Back Row:** Coach Bain Allande, Sam Downs, Troy Bush, Brian Sparks, Adam Vetter, Kevin Vandes, Eric Gulbrandsen, Coach Bryan Trippeer **Not Pictured:** Ryan Hecker

Boys' J.V. Baseball

Front Row: Merv Redina, Eric Schultz, Patrick Baidinger, Kyle Long **Row 2:** Philip Rendina, Dave Kepperling, Jeff Tessman, Jim Stovall, Kevin Sendre **Back Row:** Manager Simon Trajkovich, Kelly Fricke, Greg Kominski, Chris Seleski, Jim Smith, Jeff Mills, Coach Chad Bush

Boys' Varsity Baseball

Front Row: Mark Bohling, Kris Buckman, Joe Gettler, Dan Deno, Ryan Wilkenson **Row 2:** Mike Knaga, Dan Knaga, Aaron Kennedy, Tommy Wusinski, Austin Szalmasagi **Back Row:** Coach Ed Sherry, Mike Sykes, Mike Mathias, T.J. Pruzin, Ryan Pope, Brett Govert

Boys' J.V. Golf

Front Row: Chris Kutanovski, Kyle Robbins, Coach Art Equihua, Ryan Closs, Mark Vlink, Patrick Spohr

Boys' Varsity Golf

Front Row: Paul Boris, Nathan Szymczak, David Yates, Charlie Festa, Chris Kutanovski **Back Row:** Jared Hays, Grayson Fenwick, Coach Art Equihua, Kevin Nolan, Eric Peschke

Girl's J.V. Softball

Front Row: Kelly Bielak, Lacy Holevis, Melissa Machowicz, Jamie Pierce, Rachel Nix, Elizabeth Leonard **Row 2:** Kendra Rather, Lauren Hostinsky, Kristin Frost, Amy Enslen, Ashley Foreman, Magan Mulholland, Ashley Amodeo **Back Row:** Coach Dana Seifert, Coach Chris Pepa, Wendy Kurcz, Catherine Yokovich, Jennifer Gladdis, Coach John Gettler, Crystal Krizanek

Girl's Varsity Softball

Front Row: Jaime Staniszeski, Lindsey Nelson, Amanda Sprehe, Kelly Davis, Christina Sanford, Deidra Paitsell **Row 2:** Crystal Dille, Amy Zondor, Jessica Ohlenkamp, Nicole Frost, Sarah Zondor, Jeanette Rosenwinkel, Laurie Leonard, Kelly Sankowski **Back Row:** Coach Dana Seifert, Coach Chris Pepa, Christina Douglas, Sarah Douglas, Becky Erskine, Coach John Gettler, Rachel Peyovich

Front Row: Konstance Eich, Nicole Ruehl **Back Row:** Sarah Podkul, Karlin Norwalk, Beth Anderson **Not Pictured:** Erica Krick, Kira Whitlock

Girl's Bowling

Boys' Bowling

Front Row: Tim Loudermilk, Ross Fricke, Nathan Mattox, Dan Pace **Back Row:** Chris Kwilas, Bill Robinson, Rick Rohaley, Ryan Calarie, Kyle Glennon

for the Record

Boys' Varsity Golf

Andrean	157-162
Munster	168-163
Lake Central	345-323
Lafayette	2nd place
Valparaiso	175-163
Chesterton	172-163
KV Invitational	1st place
Hobart	172-157
LaPorte	151-158
Portage	185-158
Kenneslaer Invitational	1st place
Michigan City	177-157
Merrillville	169-157
Valparaiso	160-156
LaPorte	152-156
Merrillville	174-152
Hobart	169-152
Michigan City	178-151
Portage	149-151
North Newton	191-190
Chesterton	168-160
Duneland Tourney	1st place
Sectional	2nd place
Regional	2nd place
State	9th place

Girls' JV. Softball

Griffith	12-0
Lake Central	4-5
Chesterton	5-4
Michigan City	14-0
Mishawaka Marion	6-0/17-0
Hobart	5-4
Valparaiso	12-1
Munster	1-2
LaPorte	15-0
Hebron	15-2
Chesterton	10-0
Michigan City	12-0
Hobart	4-2
Morton	9-1
Munster	4-3
Kenneslaer	11-0
Andrean	7-1
Valparaiso	15-1
Portage	9-2
LaPorte	11-6
Lowell	5-2

Girls' Varsity Softball

Hammond Morton	4-1
Griffith	5-7
Lowell	0-6
Lake Central	3-4
Chesterton	2-1
Michigan City	2-1
Michigan City	10-4
Marion	2-5
Hobart	7-3
Merrillville	0-3
Logansport	4-1
Pioneer	3-10
Valparaiso	5-13
LaPorte	4-3
Chesterton	3-4
Michigan City	4-1
Hobart	6-5
Hammond Morton	10-1
Munster	0-1
Merrillville	7-5
Portage	2-3
Rensselaer	12-1
Valparaiso	0-1
Portage	1-8
LaPorte	9-4
Hanover Central	5-1
Andrean	4-3

Girls' Bowling

Conference	2nd place
Holiday Tournament	3rd place
Baker Tournament	4th place
Sectionals	5th place

Boys' Bowling

N.W. IN. East Conference	1st place
N.W. Regionals	3rd place
Western Bowl	1st place
Piere Meridian	397-395
Carrol	395-389
Mishiwaka	391-355

Angle of View

Students view clubs and academics from different angles

Student Council at 6:50 a.m., a speech during third hour, Key Club recycling right after school, and a long night ahead to study for a physics test? Such was the life of the involved student who committed himself/herself to a number of clubs and organizations and at the same time tried to concentrate on academics.

Students spent seven hours a day in classes ranging from graphics to chemistry. After taking the CORE 40 requirements which included science, math, history, and English, students took time to **look** at what electives had to offer. "I took Spanish because I wanted to get back in touch with my Puerto Rican heritage," said Michael Salazar (11). Basic Strength Training and Fitness and Nutrition classes offered an opportunity for those who **viewed** physical fitness as important to shape up or bulk-up. Others, however, were more concerned with the mind than the body. They **looked** into the future and prepared for the "real world" taking child development, foods, or H.E.R.O. (school to work program). Lindsy Fritz (12) said, "H.E.R.O. got me ready for the working world, and it also helped me with the everyday skills I needed on the job." Throughout the year, students **looked** at academics from a different **perspective** when field trips to Medieval Times, the stock market, or a rock climbing center offered a needed break from the normally monotonous days.

While that tedious day ended for some with the sound of the bell at 2:25, about 80 percent participated in clubs and organizations. Some students spent countless hours rehearsing music or lines for an upcoming production. Others **viewed** service organizations as the place for them. Key Club members spent Wednesdays picking up recycling bins and also sponsored the Kiss the Pig contest. Key Club President Maureen Sertich (12) said, "We raised money for Camp Riley, March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, plus others. We **saw** these as causes that touched everyone's lives." H.E.R.O., known for its philanthropy, sponsored food and clothing drives, and offered students a chance to give a needy child a special Christmas.

As students tried to balance their time between clubs and academics, they all **looked** at them differently. What was more important.....academics or organizations? It all depended on a student's "**angle of view**". **-Mary Beth Miller**

Lady of the Knight

Becky Erskine (12) takes the hand of the Yellow and Red Knight at Medieval Times to wish him luck in his battle. Erskine was chosen to hold the knight's colors around her neck. The knight made it to the finals in the tournament, but, unfortunately, he lost the championship. All of the world literature classes went to Medieval Times after they read the novels *Nibelunlied* and *Song of Roland* from the Medieval time period.
Photo by R. Overbeeke

Strumming a six-string

Performing in the holiday concert, Jim Walsh (11) plays the guitar. Besides playing the guitar, Walsh also played the banjo. Walsh participated in *Anything Goes* by playing in the orchestra pit.

Photo by Mary Beth Miller

How did you view some classes differently from others?

"I viewed H.E.R.O. differently than World Lit. and Pre-Calculus because while I was learning, I was also helping people in the community." -Jen Tortolano (12) Photo by Melissa Mariola

"I took every class seriously, but choir, drama, and band were the only classes where I could express myself with the utmost passion and emotion." -Paul Fleming (12) Photo by Mary Beth Miller

"I viewed them differently because some classes were easy to get a good grade, while in others, you had to work for your good grade." -Kari Durachta (10) Photo by John Bir

"I viewed performance-based classes differently because there was not as much homework as in academic classes." -Lindsey Ciochina (11) (with Brian Andrews 12, Brittany Brumbaugh 12, and Brian Retsen 12.) Photo by Brad Kowert

"In every class I took, blow-off or not, I learned something new and from a different perspective, and that was an important part of my education."-Alina Oliver

Photo by Kate Brehmer

How were alternative classes different?

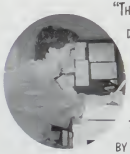
In the Files

"The biggest difference (in Japanese class) was that the class was more active and everyone had something to say. We all joked around and had a good time. We got to learn a lot about Japan."

-Dan McLain (12)

"The biggest differences (in medical classes) were the amount of work, the atmosphere, and the people; they were more determined. We watched more movies and none of my normal classes were taught by a professor. Vision Athena was much more fun."

-Tiffany Noel (12)



"The biggest difference (in Medical class) was being taught by a professor who was twenty-five miles away and linked by a satellite. It was weird because the professor was in the class teaching and answering questions, but physically she wasn't there at all."

-Justin Whitesell (11)

Relaxed Reading

Deep in thought at the alternative school, Tim White (12) reads *The Stalker* written by Joan Lowery Nixon. White said, "I really enjoyed being at Crossroads. It was a relaxed environment, and it was easier to get things done." Photo by R. Overbeeke

Medical Motivation

With Amanda Bernard (11) and Stephanie Black (11), Samantha Versnel (11) enjoys her lunch break. Versnel participated in the medical class and said, "The interactive TV in the Vision Athena room was neat." Photo by M. Manola

Alternate Education

Technology offers alternatives

Vivid Visions

Mrs. Diane Lange (director) helps Crossroads student Josh Yuran (11) with an assignment. Mrs. Lange said, "The purpose of Crossroads was to enable students to earn a high school diploma through a variety of activities and learning situations. Crossroads offers courses in all disciplines." Photo by R. Overbeeke

Exam Exercises

Reviewing for ISTEP testing, Daren Curtis (11) gets help from Crossroads' ISTEP remediation aide, Mr. Chester Baran. Curtis said, "I liked how the alternative school allowed you to get up to stretch and to bring CDs in and trust that you'd continue to work." Photo by R. Overbeeke

Crossroads

Crossroads consisted of two three-hour sessions which contained a maximum of fifty students. Jon Summers (12) said, "The curriculum was a more intense program where you could work at your own pace." Each student had to maintain 80% accuracy and 100% completion in his or her work in order to receive credit for each course. "I liked the fact that you could do any subject anytime you wanted and received as many credits as you worked for," said Jennie Bolz (10). A student was able to work from age fourteen to age eighteen. Students were recommended to participate in a minimum of fifteen hours of work per week. Each student could earn one vocational experience credit per semester for fifteen hours per week and two vocational credits for twenty-five hours per week.

Medical Terminology/Allied Health Science

On Mondays and Thursdays, the medical students were in Medical Terminology; on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, they were in Orientation to Allied Health; and on Fridays, they alternated between study hall and Medical Terminology/Allied Health Science.

The classes participated in many projects such as creating a medical scrapbook and a report about what the students wanted to do with their lives. Melissa Stinson (12) said, "If we wanted to get a high school credit for the two classes, we had to do ten hours of job shadowing." Most of the medical students decided they wanted to pursue a career in the medical field. Crystal Johnson (12) said, "I wanted to look into becoming an RN and eventually working toward becoming a pediatric nurse."

Vision Athena Foreign Languages

Beginning last school year, Mr. Jeremy Walker (Latin) and Mr. John Niendorf (Japanese) began teaching classes via Vision Athena. Mr. Walker said, "It sounded like an interesting challenge that could bring benefits to other students in the area." Vision Athena allowed students from other schools to take classes through means of a satellite connection. Mr. Walker continued, "The technology allowed us to display our work differently; however, it also limited our flexibility." **-Ashley Mann**

Crossroads Computers

Using the Vision Athena satellite, Mr. John Niendorf (Japanese) teaches his second year Japanese classes. Niendorf said, "Almost everything was visual; even things that were oral in other classes." Photo by Dan McLain

Computer Capabilities

Scott Noel (12) works on a computer exercise. Noel said, "What I liked about Crossroads was that you could work at your own pace to earn the credits you needed to graduate." Photo by R. Overbeeke

Did the elective you chose have value?

In the Files

"This elective definitely had value. Journalism was a good class to take even if you didn't plan on taking Yearbook or Newspaper."

-Patrick Baidinger (10)

"I thought Sociology would be an interesting class. It started out slow, but then it got pretty interesting. It had value. It was a very informative class."

- Stephanie Lewis (11)

"Electives were an excellent way to shape your future goals and plans. I took Journalism because I wanted to expand my writing horizons and become better at it."

-Thomas Scott (12)

Photos by Sarah Pasyk

Research Work

Using Yahoo as a navigator, Nikki Luebcke (11) and Kelly Keiser (12) sit in the G3 lab searching through the Internet to do research for an entertainment story they are writing for beginning journalism class. During second semester the students made their own four page newspaper. "My favorite part of journalism class was the satisfaction that you felt when you knew you had written a good piece," said Luebcke. Photo by Sarah Pasyk

Fiesta Fun

Before winter break, Kristin Hunt (11) prepares food for the Spanish fiesta. The students also sang Spanish Christmas carols. Photo by Melissa Maniola

Newspaper Knowledge

During Journalism class, Tiffany Emrick (10) and Kelly Keiser (12) concentrate on reading the newspaper, which helped them to learn about writing articles of their own. "Journalism helped me to learn more about writing and improve my writing skills," said Keiser. Photo by R. Overbeeke

Serious Listening

Grayson Fenwick (12) and Justin Miller (11) sit attentively in 4th hour psychology class and listen to a discussion on personal analogies. "I enjoyed the relaxed and informal environment in psychology class," said Miller. Photo by S. Pasyk

Elective Choices

Optional classes raise interest level

A Needed Break

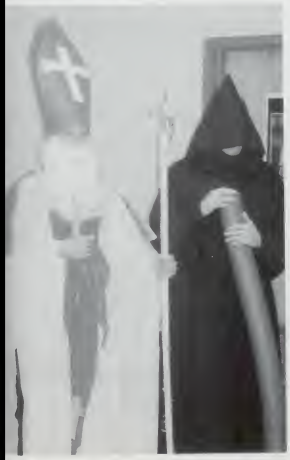
Sitting in the classroom, finishing that last algebra problem, students looked at their watches and waited for the bell to ring. If they were lucky, the next class provided them with a break from the regular required classes and allowed a little variety.

Choices and Reasons

Students had various reasons for taking the electives that they chose. Kiki Johnson (12) said, "I chose psychology because I thought it would be interesting, informative, and fun." Kassie Miller (12) said, "My mom was an exchange student to France. Her stories influenced me to start French in the seventh grade. I enjoyed it, so I have studied it ever since." Other students took electives because they needed the credit for an honors diploma or for a college requirement.

Memorable Moments

Though elective classes could be hard work at times, there were many fun moments as well. Kristina Chlebowski (11) said, "One of the teachers gave Mr. Jeremy Walker (foreign language) a little bear that wore a toga, and when you pressed its hand it would sing and dance to the song 'Shout'. One day I brought in yarn to my Latin class, and we had a student stand up on a chair and lower the bear (while it was singing) through the hole where the vent used to be into Mrs. Julia Chary's (foreign language) room. Mrs. Chary grabbed the bear and we started a tug-of-war with it until the yarn broke and she got the bear. Five minutes later, a wadded up note flew through the vent demanding five dollars or we would never see the bear again. My classmate Chris Burell (11) said, 'Well, at least now we have a P.A. system that works!'" **-Sarah Pasyk**



Hands On Learning

Teaching through role playing, Scott Mason (12), Nathan Williams (12), and Derek Vaupel (12) dress up to perform a Christmas skit for German classes. The skit reenacted the German Christmas celebration called Weihnachten. Photo by Katie Brehmer

Speech Practice

In speech class, Anthony Eriks (11) presents his oration. "The class helped me to feel more comfortable when I spoke in front of others," Eriks said. Photo by Sarah Pasyk

Field Trips

Education goes on the road

Museums

Teachers created field trips in order to get their students out of the confines of the classroom in order to see how their classes related to the real world. Students in Arts and Ideas and Senior English traveled to the Cultural Center and the Art Institute in Chicago to study paintings, sculpture, and Impressionist artists. The seniors in Mr. Art Equihua's economics class visited the Federal Reserve Bank and the Chicago Board of Trade. The class also stopped at Rock and Roll McDonald's in Chicago for lunch. "Jeremy Williams ate sixty-one Chicken McNuggets from McDonald's. It was hilarious," said Kiki Johnson (12). Mr. Jeremy Walker's Latin 1-2 class attended a Quiz Bowl tournament at Butler University in Indianapolis. "We watched a Quiz Bowl tournament in order to inspire us to do it later in the year. We also visited a cemetery to study Roman architecture," said Danielle Dravat (9).

Entertainment

Students in Dramatic Literature attended *The Comedy of Errors* at Purdue University in West Lafayette after they finished learning about William Shakespeare. "On the way home we were all getting really bored. Some of the crazy junior girls started singing to keep us 'entertained'. They sang everything from 'Baby Got Back' to 'Schoop' to 'Vogue'. They were bomb-diggity," said Nick Paulauski (11). The fourth year German class traveled to Michigan City for German Folk Dancing Day. "We had a great time because we were all very outgoing and had a good time singing and dancing," said Sarah Hein (12). Sometimes a class needed a reason to take a trip. Seniors in English Literature went to a play. "We weren't even studying "Julius Caesar" at the time, but we studied it sophomore year," said Sarah Wirtz (12). The most anticipated field trip of the year was the seniors' World Literature trip to Medieval Times. "It was so much fun at Medieval Times because practically the whole senior class was there and everyone was cheering together. One of us even got a rose from one of the actors," said Danielle Peregrine (12). - **Kim Lambka**

Fast Food

Mr. Art Equihua's senior economics class sits in front of an old jukebox to enjoy their lunch at Rock 'N Roll McDonald's in Chicago. The seniors visited the Federal Reserve and the Chicago Board of Trade. Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Rest Stop

Taking a lunch break, Courtney Svihra (11), Jon Rukas (12), and Julia Hamilton (12) relax in conversation outside the Art Institute in Chicago. The students visited the museum as part of an art project. Photo by Leslie Hoelat

Were there any memorable moments on the trip?

In the Files

"I took a field trip to Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago with my second grade On-site Child Development class. I had the amazing opportunity to spend time with wonderful children. I learned a lot from all the kids in my class."
- Shelley Patterson (12)

"Medieval Times was a lot of fun. The food was good and the show was great! It also got us out of school for a day, so it was worth it. I waited for that trip all senior year."
- Kelly Faulstich (12)

"On my Mass Media field trip to the Broadcasting Institute we went to Ed Debevic's for lunch. We insulted our waitress and she refused to serve us refills or any other food. It was so fun."
- Kyle Springman (12)

Time Travel

Kelly Kaiser (12) cheers for the red and yellow knight at Medieval Times in Schaumberg, Illinois. The students were reading the *Nibelungenlied,* an epic from the Medieval period, in World Literature when they visited the attraction. Photo by R. Overbeeke

Cultural Study

While visiting the Field Museum in Chicago, Ryan Walton (12), Jim Duffy (12) and their Japanese foreign exchange students pose for the camera. The exchange students stayed in the U.S. for nine days. Photo by Dan McLain

Artistic Impression

Andrea Tournis (12) studies a Baroque period painting at the Art Institute in Chicago. Mrs. Sykes' Arts and Ideas class was able to study the paintings and artists firsthand at the Institute from numerous different time periods while on this trip. Photo by Dan McLain

Royal Rulers

Enjoying a few minutes of free time on their trip to Medieval Times, John Mullen (12) and Mike Zunica (12) pretend they are ancient kings for a day. Students were able to walk around and explore the dinner theatre prior to the show. The entertainment included sword fights, jousting, and horse tricks. Guests were served a whole chicken, potatoes, ribs, soup, and bread. However, no silverware was provided. Photo by R. Overbeeke

What was the most interesting part of class?

In the Files

"Auto shop was great because I learned how to work on cars myself. I got to work on my car during class time. The class was really fun and entertaining." - John Slanina (12)

"I took graphics class because I liked to work on computers. We also made stationary, note pads, learned how to marbleize paper, and took photos." - Angela Bowie (12)

"One time I was checking the coolant in my car while talking to someone. I opened up the radiator cap without thinking that the cooling system was under pressure and coolant shot out all over me." - Marc Staples (12)

Mighty Machinery

Studying the machinery, Bill Hanson (11) works hard in machine shop. Hanson joined the class because he was good in math and was interested in a career in the industry. Hanson found the class to be fun and educational.
Photo by John Bir

Technical Trade

Dan Cooper (12) and Cody Kirschbaum (11) put the tire on a wheel rim in auto shop. Most of the students brought in their own cars to work on in class. Photo by John Bir

Creative Productions

Imagination key concept

Project Perfection

To finish his job, Travis Schilling (11) mills the the end of his job in machine shop. Schilling preferred making the dice because the task was easy and he was able to keep the final project. To Schilling the class was fun and a worthwhile course. Photo by John Bir

System Supervision

Robbie Hobson (11) crawls underneath a car while checking the antifreeze. The students were encouraged to check every system of the car in order to get to know each part. Most of the class involved each student experiencing hands-on practice. Photo by John Bir

Projects

From designing a dream house to changing oil, production classes taught a variety of lessons that could be applied to everyday life.

Expression

Many students viewed different production classes as a way of expressing themselves through their projects. Andrew Osvalds (12) said, "My favorite project was the dream house I designed, because it let me express myself through architecture." Likewise, Garret Willis (10) said, "My favorite was working in a 3-D studio because you could express yourself through animation."

Learning

Other students chose the classes for academic reasons. Steve Lukas (12) said, "I enjoyed all the projects that I did because it was a learning experience." Scott Bonesteel (11) said, "My favorite project was working on the shocks because I did not think I could do it until I tried."

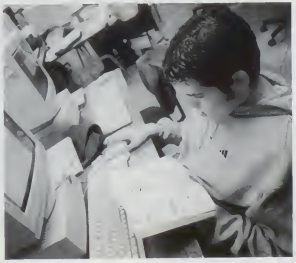
Time Factor

Time became a factor with each type of project. Carly Schilling (10) said, "It depended on how hard each project was. It also depended on the individual person and how fast they felt comfortable working." Ryan Fleming (11) said, "In mass media it took about an average of four days to write and tape."

Under Pressure

Big laughs came with the hard work of grinding their knuckles to the bone. "One day in class the Volkswagon 'Bug' wouldn't start, and every one was offering suggestions to get it to start. One of the class members suggested that maybe the car was out of exhaust," said Steve Lukas. Eric Peschke (11) said, "One time Chris Aiello (11) did an interview with Ryan Fleming, and at the end of the interview Aiello was supposed to say 'for CPHS Showtime, I am Chris Aiello"; instead he said 'for CPHS Showtime, I am Ryan Fleming'."

- **Melissa Stonecipher & Kim Lambka**



Smooth Sanding

"My favorite part of shop was the lab time," said Larry Krumwiede (10) as he sands a push stick in shop class. Krumwiede also made a coffee table as his major project for the year. Photo by John Bir

Computer Creativity

Concentrating on his project, Mike Stas (11) stares at his computer. Graphics was a good class to take when trying to decide on a career. "I thought it would be a good field to look into for a job," said Stas. Photo by John Bir

What did you like about your class?

In the Files

"I liked LifeSaving class because it was such an alternative to just sitting in class and taking notes or listening to a lecture." -Brian Reid (12) Photo by Brad Kowert

"I had first hour gym and it was good to get it out of the way, but the worst thing about first hour gym was swimming. Chlorine makes your hair look real great." -Ashleigh Goetz (9) Photo by Fareen Rouak

"Health was probably the easiest class I took. I liked the people in my class and the fun we had during the hour." -Kyle Glennon (10) Photo by Fareen Rouak

Healthy Choices

Classes involves body, mind

Physical Education and Health

Taking physical education and health met graduation requirements. This forced freshmen to take physical education either during the year or during the summer before their freshman year. Allison Isailovich (9) said, "I took summer gym because I wanted to be in shape for fall sports (volleyball)." Health, on the other hand, involved sophomores in a semester long study of the functions of the human body.

Basic Strength Training (BST)

BST allowed students to build muscle mass and tone their existing muscles. Students involved in sports used the class as a type of training in the off-season. Erin Plumley (12) said, "I took B. S. T. to stay fit for basketball and volleyball." Courtney Postlethwait (11) said, "I wanted to take this class so I could tone my muscles."

Basketball Officiating

P.E. semester courses also included Basketball Officiating. The class taught students the rules of basketball from the official's point of view. Tim Kacmar (12) said, "I liked basket ball and the class was a great chance to learn more about it." The students studied the rules of the game and then had the opportunity to practice officiating. At the end of the class the students could become a licensed state official.

Fitness and Nutrition

Students could elect to take a class that taught them how to prepare nutritious meals and participate in aerobics as well. Two days a week, half of the class met with Ms. Sharon Aldrich (Family and Consumer Science) and the other half, with Mr. Tom May (Physical Education). Then the two groups switched teachers on the other two days. "On Fridays we all met and discussed fitness and nutrition topics," said Mr. May. -**Katie Reid**

Safety First

John Paris (12) waits while classmates prepare the leg lift. Classmates acted as spotters to ensure safety in the weight room. Safety was an important topic taught in Basic Strength Training. Photo by John Bir

Building Biceps

John Bereckis (12) uses the lateral raise to help build his biceps. "BST was cool because we could work out and get credit for it," said Bereckis. Photo by John Bir

Building Muscle

During Basic Strength Training Justin White (10) works on the bench press as Shaun Harris (11) spots him. White, a member of the JV. football team, hoped the class would help him improve his game, and Shaun said he took the class to get a little stronger. Photo by John Bir

Sports Training

Struggling, Kevin Wilkinson (11) pushes himself during Basic Strength Training. Wilkinson was one of the many athletes who used the class as a form of training for the sports in which they were involved. Photo by John Bir

Lifeguard Training

Looking out over the pool, Kara Gora (10) sits in the lifeguard chair during lifesaving class. Students had the opportunity to acquire lifeguarding jobs at nearby pools after earning their lifesaving certificate in this class. Photo by Brad Kowert

Role Playing

While being fastened onto a back board, Kari Durachta (10) holds her breath in anticipation. Students learned first aid procedures and CPR techniques in lifesaving classes. Photo by John Bir

What was the best thing about Art class?

In the Files

"The best thing about art class was that it was a break from schoolwork during the day. It was fun because you got to be creative and use your imagination." -Kara Gora (10)

"The best thing about being in an art class was not just the painting, it was that it allowed you to use your creative and artistic side that you normally didn't use in regular academic classes. Also art class helped me enhance my art skills." -Michelle Carlson (12)

"The very best thing about taking an art class was being able to express yourself through your work and at the same time getting a good grade for doing something you really enjoyed. Also it (the good grade) brought up my GPA." -Beth Marshall (12)

Serious Singing

Before the Fall Concert, Amanda Endris (9) and Shana Laninga (10) warm up with "Farewell My Love" in the choir room along with the rest of the Mixed Choir. Laninga said, "Choir was a fun and interesting experience and the Fall Concert was the best." Photo by Kim Lambka

Musical Magic

Alice Wildes (9) plays her bass during a private lesson. Wildes was involved in Freshmen Strings and said, "I joined music because my sister was in it and it sounded like fun." Photo by John Bir

Artistic Expression

Art, Drama, Music provide creative outlet

Ancient Artwork

Deep in thought, Tatijana Prentoski (12) works on her Greek pot for Arts and Ideas. Prentoski said, "The best thing about being in Arts & Ideas was learning about the different techniques and tools used to make projects." Photo by Ashley Mann

Performance Practice

Kathleen Shaw (10) and Asma Khalid (10) act out a play during drama class. Both girls said that drama was their favorite class. Shaw said, "Drama put me in a good mood everyday. I highly recommend everyone to take it because it was an awesome class." Photo by Ashley Mann

Art

Numerous art classes provided students with the opportunity to express themselves. For example, in Arts and Ideas during the first semester projects included masks, Greek Pots, repousses, and scratch art. Along with the masks, students were required to make a video to go with them. "Some of the videos were funny," said Charlie Frasor (12).

In another class, Painting, students chose different objects and painted them in order to create a color wheel. "We were always expanding our artistic talents and creating what we felt inside," said Brad Bonich (11).

Drama

Students joined drama classes in order to overcome stage fright, gain experience, meet new people or just have fun.

Kathleen Shaw (10) said, "My favorite thing to do was read scenes because we also got to act it out." In addition, Mr. Kit Deganhart (Drama) developed several activities to help students get over their shyness in front of crowds. "Drama is really fun," said Britany Andrews (10). "You get to work on your own and figure things out for yourself."

Some drama students became involved in the drama productions. Shaw said, "In the play *Harvey* I helped with costumes, makeup, and hair."

Music

Orchestra and band classes participated in many performances and class time prepared the groups for those audiences. Kristin Frost (10) said, "We played instruments every day in class."

One of the highlights first semester included the holiday concert. "We had a Christmas concert with Dr. (James) Mola (Assistant Principal) and Mr. (Larry) Shrader (Assistant Principal) as soloists. Santa was there and snow fell." Frost also said that the best thing about music class was "the final product and hearing all the different parts of the song coming together."

In choir students were also kept busy during class. "We do sight reading, learn rhythms, improve vocal range, pitch and sound tone, and discuss issues," said Elizabeth Camp (9).

-Ashley Mann

Sweet Smelling

While making his Arts & Ideas project, Charlie Frasor (12) decides to take a break and find out how his clay smells. Frasor said, "I liked art because I enjoyed working with my hands." Photo by Ashley Mann

Advanced Acting

During Drama class, Britany Andrews (10) and Ashley Wilson (10) act out a scene from *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. Andrews said, "I joined drama because I wanted to act when I got older." Photo by Ashley Mann

How did this class prepare you for the future?

In the Files

"Since I was planning on majoring in hotel management, Food Management provided a lot of experience. Also the class could count for college credits, which totally rocked!"

-Candace Miller (11)

"Child Development was a good class to take because it could help me with my own children someday. It would also help me work with kids, if I became a teacher."

-Kristen Slepeivich (11)

"I thought Quest would help me in the future because it taught you not to judge people by what they looked like, and you might find you have something in common. In the future I knew I would understand people better."

-Katie Zelms (12)

Real World

Projects simulate life situations

Future Features

Students had a new course to choose in the area of family and consumer science that could also count for college credit. Food Management was a class that taught about restaurant and hotel management. "I learned about the opportunities in the industry," said Esther White (11). In other regular food classes, students learned the basic skills of cooking and sewing. "When I finally move out on my own, I'll be able to cook for myself," said Aaron Kunkle (12).

World of Business

Students had a wide range of choices in the field of business. Introduction to Business was a traditional class which taught students the basics of finance and the competitive market, while newer classes such as the Internet class showed students how to surf the net and set up web sites. "I didn't like making the web page. It took too much time and I would never do it again," said Heather Mann (12). Other classes offered in the business field included Record Keeping, Business Foundations and Accounting, which were set up to prepare kids for jobs in the business field.

Personal Advancement

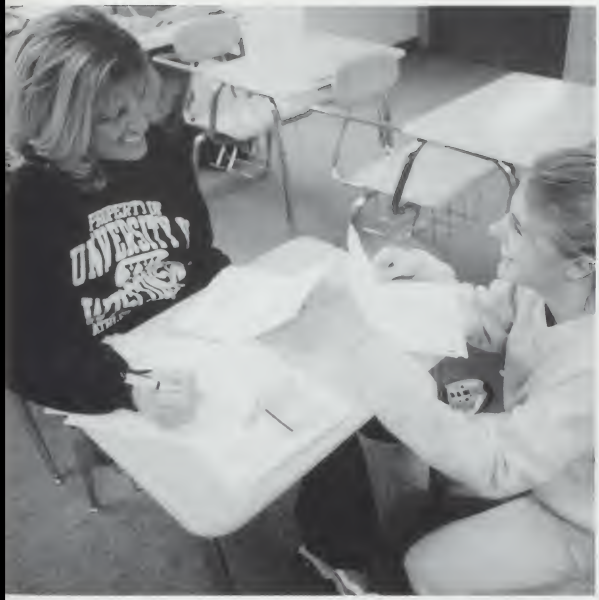
In classes such as Child Development and Quest students learned how to improve their personal and social skills. "This class (Quest) was pretty fun. I learned how to get along with people in the everyday world," said Sashe Joveski (11). During Quest, participants were encouraged to handle situations like adults. In Child Development the students learned about pregnancy, how to take care of children, and to deal with the problems that can arise when raising a child. **-Rachel Smock and Kim Lambka**

Artistic Activities

Jessica Hitchcock (10) works on winter decorations for the Child Development day care. The class focused on projects for the day care center when not working out of the textbook. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Technological Trap

Putting the finishing touches on his project in H.E.R.O., Bill Sanford (12) concentrates on the computer. Computer time was precious due to the lack of computers available to work on class projects. Photo by Leslie Huelat



Hogans Heroes

Kristin Klavas (12) and Heather Wolfe (12) fill out their work sheets in H.E.R.O. H.E.R.O. required students to attend school half day and maintain a certain number of hours a week at a job. The class also participated in service projects and activities. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Delicious Desserts

While mixing up her muffin batter in home economics, Jenny Plants (10) pauses for instructions. In Beginning Foods students made muffins, omelettes, and an entire meal for a guest of their choice. Photo by Brad Kowert

Tough Task

Two heads are better than one, so some say, but not in Nick Paulauski's (11) case. While Paulauski worked on his project, his partner, Andrew Russell (11), waited for something to do. The pair worked together on muffins in Beginning Foods class. Photo by Brad Kowert

Parental Participation

Getting ready for the children to arrive at the day care center, Amanda Ritter (11) decorates a poster with fake snow. The class held a day care every other day so that the students could observe children interacting with one another in a natural environment. Students in the class created activities for the children. "I love children. I learned so much about children," said Ritter. Photo by Leslie Huelat

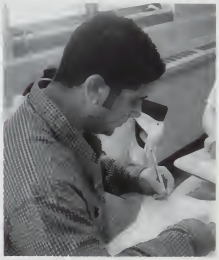
What was your most memorable moment?

In the Files

"In Biology, Ashley Plumley (10) went to the back table to take a picture with Mr. (Bryan) Trippeer (Science) and she slipped and fell over. It was really funny if you were there."
-Carly Link (10) with Danielle Schot

"When Jon Moskovich (12) dressed like a girl in English. We acted out the trial from the book *Crime and Punishment*, and Jon decided to be a girl. He ended up wearing a dress and a pretty pink bonnet."
-Matt Carper (12) with Jamie Peterson

"In History, Charlie Festa (11) and I made up rhymes all the time. It all started with a mutual friend named Fred, whose death involved a sled and many monosyllabic rhyming words. After a week, we had a 45 second paragraph and a good inside joke."
-Michael Finney (10)



Mathematical Mystery

While working on a group problem in 2nd hour economics class, John Paris (12) does some figuring on paper. John's math skills came in handy in Mr. Art Equihua's class. Paris said, "Mrs. (Beth) Jacobs (math) was my favorite teacher because she knew I was loco and loved doing addition and subtraction problems."

History Help

Glancing at a World History book, Mr. Donald Bernacky helps Dave Hanus (9) with a worksheet. Hanus said, "Mr. Bernacky had different things that were interesting for us to learn about." Photo by Melissa Marsala

Core Classes

Christmas Care

Ricky Rohaley (11) and Tim Loudermilk (11) wrap a Christmas present for Mrs. Deb Ciochina's English class. Every year Mrs. Ciochina's class adopted an underprivileged family for whom they bought and wrapped presents. Photo by Melissa Marriola

Academic Acting

Garret Willis (10), as Jay Gatsby, and Erin Crowley (10), as Daisy Buchanan, act out a scene from *The Great Gatsby*. They chose to perform the scene from the novel for an honors English project. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Core Classes Provide Foundation

Math

Many thought the Math classes were difficult; however, good teaching made it easier. Carly Link (10) said, "Mrs. (Janice) Lowery was a really good Geometry teacher." John Paris (12) had a chance to do something very different in his math class. He said, "Ms. (Beth) Jacobs let me cut part of Joah Ackermann's (9) hair off because he had gum in it."

English

English teachers assigned various projects for different novels that the students read throughout the year such as World Literature's annual mock trial for Crime *and Punishment* and the sophomore honors English class project for The *Great Gatsby*. The advanced English classes had to compose projects after virtually every novel they read which usually helped with the understanding of the plot.

Science

The science classes consisted of labs, lectures, projects and laser disk movies. In addition, twenty students were selected to go on a marine biology trip to Key Largo, Florida in August to study the reefs. They had four classes in the high school pool, open water dives in lakes, and a summer school class. Ashley Plumley (10) said, "I almost drowned during scuba lessons. We were doing a task to learn what to do if you lost your mask. I breathed in a whole bunch of water, and the scuba instructor had to take me up above the water."

Social Studies

For the younger students, social studies classes consisted of doing worksheets, various projects, participating in discussions, and of course taking tests. However, for the older students, classes such as Economy and Government, included much more class discussion. David Meyers (12) said, "I got along with Mr. (Bernard) Kowalski the best because what he taught really stuck in your head. He was the most active and kept me attentive."

-Ashley Mann

Skeleton Study

Chad Gregg (9) tapes the name of the ribcage on a skeleton for Ms. Deanna Emole's (Science) class. The class did this exercise to learn the names of the human bones. Photo by Sarah Pasyk

Thrilling Trial

Playing the part of a prosecuting attorney, Charlie Frasor questions Dounia, played by Michelle Carlson. The World Literature classes held a mock trial after reading *Crime and Punishment*. Photo Submitted by Michelle Trent

Publication Editors

In The Files

Awards

Indiana High School Press- 4 Harveys
Nationals Scholastic Press- First Class
Columbia Scholastic Press- Gold Metal

Conventions

State Convention- Franklin, IN
National Convention- Atlanta, GA

Quote

"Being editor of the yearbook was hard work, but it paid off when the book came out." - Mary Beth Miller (12).

Front Row: Dan McLain, Kelly Vaughan, Melissa Stonecipher, Amy Brown, Rosie Dvojacki, Katie Brehmer. Second Row: Leslie Huelat, Melissa Mariola, Ashley Rhodes, Mary Beth Miller, Jeremy McGoldrick. Third Row: Brie Moore, Mrs. Rhonda Overbeeke, Ashley Mann, Farren Roark, Rachel Smock, Wendy Splitgerber. Back Row: Miss Tracy McKinney, Kim Lambka, Alison Ruess, Matt Philips, Brad Kowert, Katie Reid. Not Pictured: Erin Kirk, Stephanie Black, Sarah Pasyk.

Front Row: Julia Hamilton, Megan Hite, Matt Arroyo. Second Row: Brad Kowert, Melissa Mariola, Mary Beth Miller, Leslie Huelat, Jeremy McGoldrick. Back Row: Rosie Dvojacki, Melissa Stonecipher, Ashley Rhodes, Kelly Vaughan. Not pictured: Asma Khalid

In The Files

Yearbook

Editor-In-Chief- Mary Beth Miller
Assitant Editor- Melissa Mariola
Student Life Editor- Leslie Huelat
Sports Editor- Jeremy McGoldrick
Clubs Editor- Ashley Rhodes
People Editor- Amy Brown (1st Sem)
Academic Editor- Melissa Stonecipher (1st Sem), Kim Lambka (2nd Sem)
Ads Editor- Kelly Vaughan
Business Manager- Rosie Dvojacki

Newspaper

Editor-in-Chiel-Megan Hite
Assistant Editor- Julia Hamilton
Design Editor- Matt Arroyo
Ads Manager- Asma Khalid

Showtime

In The Files

Supervisors

Mr. George Tachtiris (AV Services)
Mrs. Carol Wilson (English)

Quote

"Showtime was a lot of hard work, but it was fun. I believe the hard work pays off and it is a good program. It was definetly something to be proud of. -Mr. George Tachiris

Front Row: Sue Ellen Rodriguez, Diana Crooks, Beth Yuraitis, Andrea Tournis, Lacey Norris, Mandy Emrick. Second Row: Stacy Jovanoski, Kendra Japchinski, Katie Hein, Scott Mason, Laura Nowak. Third Row: Anthony Flores, Charlie Frasor, Keith Gorchos, Kyle Springman, Chris Aiello. Back Row: Ryan Fleming, Jim Walsh, Stephanie Huwig, Eric Peschke. Not Pictured: Kimiko Ostrozovich.

Bringing everything into focus Charlie Frasor (12) tapes a scene for *Showtime*. Frasor was head sports anchor. Photo by Julia Hamilton

Dedication Plus Hard Work Equal Success

Excalibur & Showtime

Lights, camera, action. The film rolled and the viewers watched as a group of students produced a weekly television show. Recording the events of the community and school, *CPHS Showtime* proved to be a source of information. The show covered sporting events, community news, and people in the school.

The staff reported that coming up with ideas presented a challenge. "It got pretty stressful when we could not think of any stories, and we were short on time for the show," said Sue Ellen Rodriquez (12). Students joined *Showtime* for various reasons. "I joined to learn more about broadcasting," said Beth Yuraitis (12). "I thought it would be interesting to be on television," said Charlie Frasor (12). Whatever the reason, the show aired without fail each Tuesday evening on channel 56.

Yearbook staff members celebrated with a pizza party after winning a Columbian Scholastic Press Association gold metal and a first class from National Scholastic Press. Members believed the awards validated their efforts. "Creating the yearbook took a lot of time, patience, and creativity. At times it became very stressful, but we all worked as a team to get our jobs done," said Ashley Rhodes (11). Melissa Mariola (11) agreed. "We were very proud of our yearbook and the whole staff did a great job." **-Matt Phillips**

Rarely seen without numerous checks, a stack of receipts and a calculator, Rose Dvojacki (11) helps out with the tennis page. Rose served as the business manager for the staff. Photo by R. Overbeeke

During dinner at Lombardi's Restaurant in Underground Atlanta, Mr. Pieter Overbeeke, Ashley Rhodes, and Melissa Mariola laugh about the pictures drawn on the table cloth. Four editors attended the National Press Association Convention. Photo by Mary Beth Miller

With student teacher Miss Tracey McKinney, Melissa Mariola (11), Brad Kowert (12), Erin Kirk (11) Jeremy McGoldrick (12) and Leslie Huelet (12) look through the 1999 yearbook and discuss its strengths and weaknesses. Miss McKinney spent the first 10 weeks of the school year with the staff. Photo by Mary Beth Miller

Since the timing must be exact, Katie Hein (12) and Sue Ellen Rodriguez, (12) record the length of Tuesday's show. Hein and Rodriquez served for two years on *Showtime*. Photo by Julia Hamilton

Windfall

In The Files

Editors

Jessica Meyer (11)
Jessica Koscielniak (9)

Quote

"My favorite thing about being in *Windfall* was meeting the upperclassmen that were on the staff as well. It was something non-school related to do." -Kara Mislan (10)

Front Row: Erin Andershock, Nikki Luebcke. Back Row: Lindsay Valentino, Kara Mislan, Jessica Meyer.

Inklings

Front Row: Ryan Wilson, Megan Hite, Angela Heinzman, Julia Hamilton, Matt Arroyo, Trey Williams. Second Row: Kristin Frank, Carissa Klingberg, Becky Hamilton, Lauren Griffith. Back Row: Ms. Tracey McKinney (student teacher), Kristina Chlebowski, Maritza Mota, Asma Khalid, Mrs. Rhonda Overbeeke

In The Files

Editors

Editor-In-Chief- Megan Hite (12)
Associate Editor- Julia Hamilton (12)
Design Editor- Matt Arroyo (12)
Business Manager- Asma Khalid (10)

Awards

Times Newspaper of the Year- 3rd Place
IHSPA Harvey Award- News Photography
American Press Association- 1st Place
Quill and Scroll - 1st Place

Quill & Scroll

In The Files

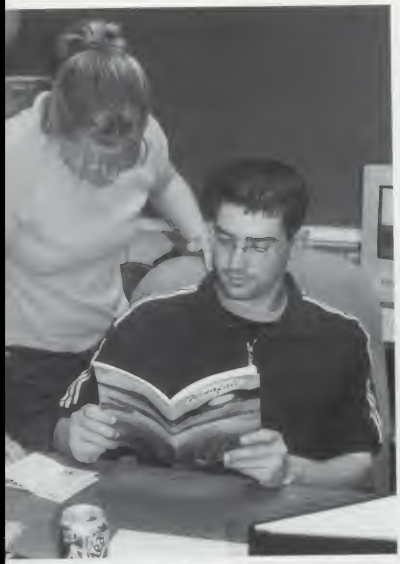
Officers

President- Megan Hite (12)
Vice President- Julia Hamilton (12)
Secretary/Treasurer-
Mary Beth Miller (12)

Quote

"It was such an honor to be part of Quill and Scroll because it not only showed journalistic success, but also academic success." -Ashley Rhodes (11)

Front Row: Angela Heinzman, Megan Hite, Julia Hamilton, Matt Arroyo. Back Row: Ashley Rhodes, Mary Beth Miller, Melissa Mariola.



After printing, Jessica Koscielniak (12) and Mr. Chad Bush (English) admire a copy of *Windfall*. "Finishing it and seeing the final copy was the best," said Koscielniak. Photo by Sarah Pasyk

Journalists Display Art & Writing Talent

Windfall Quill&Scroll Inklings

To be a great athlete, actor, or musician, required skill and dedication. Producing a publication also required skill and dedication plus hours of hard work. Members of Quill and Scroll, the *Inklings* newspaper staff, and *Windfall* magazine staff all donated much of their free time to produce their respective publications.

To be recommended for Quill and Scroll membership, students had to have been part of a publication staff for two years, rank in the top third of their class and achieve recognition from their advisor. "I was honored to be part of such a great group," said Brad Kowert (12).

It was rare for students to have the opportunity to express themselves through personal writing; however, *Windfall* offered this. *Windfall* magazine consisted of art, poems, and stories submitted by the student body. "It was interesting because you dealt with many different people and their ideas," said Jessica Koscielniak (9).

The newspaper staff was another fun way for writers to express their talent. "Newspaper was one big favorite moment for me. We always seemed to have fun no matter what we did. I remembered many late nights, staying in the computer lab while we worked on the pages, and how silly we got became of a lack of sleep and too much work," said Lauren Griffith (12). -**Sarah Pasyk**

Kristina Chlebowski (11) works on her last newspaper story of the year. Chlebowski served as an artist and writer on the *Inklings* staff, and was promoted to Editor-in-Chief for the 2000-2001 staff. Photo by R. Overbeeke

Publications advisor Mrs. Rhonda Overbeeke honors Mary Beth Miller (12) as well as other seniors with an honor cord to wear at graduation. The cords identified the Quill and Scroll Society members. Photo by John Bir

Christmas spirit fills the publication room as Andrea Jacobs (11) opens her Christmas present during their holiday party. "Newspaper was rewarding. That was what I loved about it; the awesome feeling when our hard work paid off," said Jacobs. Photo by R. Overbeeke

Brad Kowert (12), Jeremy McGoldrick (12), Leslie Huelat (12), Lauren Griffith (12), and Kristina Chlebowski (11) participate in the Quill and Scroll induction ceremony. The students took a vow of integrity and honesty. Photo by John Bir

Trying to add cheer to the atmosphere, Student Council members Natalie Nix (11) and Ashley Bush (11) put some tinsel and ornaments on a tree in the cafeteria. The group also decorated the building. Photo by Melissa Mariola

Student Council & Booster Club

Groups Maintain Cordial Environment

Many people, such as the administrators, teachers, and custodians, were given the credit for creating a great learning environment. However, there were others who worked hard to make the building fun and exciting; Student Council and Booster Club.

Being a member of Student Council required various skills. These students were involved with many different activities such as creating Homecoming Spirit Day themes, the blood drive, the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, and fund raisers for Camp Riley and Riley's Children's Hospital. "I loved doing all the projects. They were a great way to learn what goes on behind the scenes," said President Julia Hamilton (12). Many members also participated in the district and state conventions and workshops. "The best part of attending the workshops and conventions for me was meeting all the people. I made some life long friends along the way," said Lacey Norris (12).

Booster Club included a group who worked hard to show their support making banners for the basketball players and decorating t-shirts for the wrestlers. They also sponsored the Homecoming dance. "We planned Homecoming, which was probably the biggest event we did," said Erin Shanley (11). **-Ashley Rhodes**

At the district convention Courtney Warren (11) and Lacey Norris (12) present a leadership workshop to other Student Council members. "After District Convention we were asked to present our workshop at the state convention. It was a great honor," said Norris. Photo submitted by Lacey Norris

The morning of the Homecoming dance, Christa Angelov (11) hangs personalized rainbows. Many of the Booster Club's decorations became souvenirs. Photo by Rachel Smock

Sisters Katie (11) and Kim Bieker (9) put together a white paper picket fence for the Homecoming decorations. The Booster Club planned the theme "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" and then transformed the gym into the "Land of Oz." Photo by Rachel Smock

During student council's teacher breakfast, Erin Crowley (10) serves Mr. Chad Bush (English) a serving of hash browns. The breakfast was an annual event in December. Photo by Melissa Mariola

Upperclass Student Council

Front Row: Dan Motkowicz, Brian Andrews, TJ Pruzin, Ryan Fleming, Bryan Cuculich, Jeremy Williams, David Meyers. Second Row: Heather Mann, Leslie Huelat, Audrey Metros, Jaime Staniszeski, Danielle Peregrine, Beth Yuraitis, Melissa Mariola, Lacey Norris. Third Row: Julia Hamilton, Brittany Brumbaugh, Blythe Hamilton, Megan Makarek, Kathleen Lambert, Nicole Frost, Kelly Manfred, Natalie Nix. Fourth Row: Lauren Hostinsky, Ashley Bush, Katie Lemke, Allyson Carnahan, Jen Tortolano, Rachel Schaafsma, Sarah Roth, Kelly Lemon. Back Row: Katie Hein, Melissa Kallay, Lindsey Ciochina, Sarah Stieger, Alison Vetter, Jessica Nance, Maureen Sertich, Courtney Warren.

In The Files

Officers

President- Julia Hamilton
Vice President- Blythe Hamilton
Secretary- Lacey Norris
Treasurer- Leslie Huelat

Quote

"Student Council was a fun way to help govern our school."
-Kristine Rasmussen (11)

Underclass Student Council

In The Files

Activities

Homecoming Spirit Week
Blood Drive
Relay For Life
Camp Riley fund raiser
Riley Children's Hospital fund raisers

Quote

"I liked being in Student Council because we did a lot of charity work."
Ashleigh Robbins (10)

First Row: Sarah Pasyk, Danielle Dravet, Angie Tsikouris, Kelly Sapita. Second Row: Tracy Johnson, Ashley Campbell, Elizabeth Camp, Matt Eaton, Meredith Swan. Third Row: Jamie Lemon, Ashleigh Robbins, Shannon Morfin, Carly Link, Kelly McMahon, Karie Larsen. Back Row: Colleen Genetos, Allison Bishop, Steve Hamilton, Melissa Baumgardner, Kristin Sautter, Lauren Rhodes.

Booster Club

Front Row: Natalie Nix, Christa Angelov, Erin Shanley, Rachel Nix, Becky Wilk, Danielle Dravet. Second Row: Jamie Pierce, Amber Walters, Kelly Manfred, Lauren Hostinksy, Sarah Roth, Heather Burke. Third Row: Ashley Bush, Emily Corbin, Colleen Cash, Amber Volk, Jamie Petersen. Back Row: Kim Bieker, Katie Krol, Katie Bieker, Katie Lemke.

In The Files

Officers

President- Natalie Nix
Vice President- Erin Shanley
Secretary- Ashley Bush
Treasurer- Amber Volk

Quote

"I loved decorating for Homecoming and participating in Spirit Week. Being able to announce who the new queen was, was a very fun experience." -Erin Shanley (11)

Athletic Trainers Underclass Letterman Senior Letterman

In The Files

Officers

President- Jeremy Williams
Vice President- Ty Trusgnich
Secretary- Mark Bohling
Treasurer- Jason Strong
Sergent-at-Arms- Don Andersen

Senior Awards

Honor Blankets- Jason Strong, Jeremy Williams, Derek Hescher, Don Andersen
Outstanding Senior Athlete- Jeremy Williams

Front Row: Mark Bohling, Tom Wicinski, Matt Phillips, Tim Kacmar, Nate Williams, Steve Marshall. Second Row: John Slanina, Ryan Tracy, Dan Quering, Jon Rukas, Chris Stanek, Mr. Jerry Caravana. Third Row: Chris Horst, Adam Miller, Dave Meyers, Justin Tromp, Kevin Cornelius, Jason Strong. Back Row: Craig Bonaccorsi, Jon Moskovich, Kevin Sparks, Donald Andersen, John Sum.

Front Row: Brian Hiller, Garret Willis, Steve Dixon, Kelly Miller, Mike Ellch, Rob Bruno, Matt Beilfuss, Bob Bees, Dale Packard, Sean McDaniel. Second Row: Josh Zacher, Ryan Olson, Brent Brown, Scott Qualizza, Mike Stanek, Nate Reilly, Kyle Knutson, Justin Stadt, Brian Pante, Bryan Cuculich. Third Row: Conrad Harris, Dan Knaga, Justin Miller, Tony Riviera, Kyung Min, Chris Damjanovic, Bryce Segert, Tom West, Matt Melton, Scott Szymborski, Corey Peterson, Nick Paulauski, Mark Baumgardner, Paul Schmidt. Back Row: Dale Wagner, Matt Tomczak, Tom Sarnecki, Tony Schoeffel, Doug Conley, Jake Gettler.

In The Files

Quote

"The thing I liked best was getting the jacket. I got it in spring and wore it around even though it was about 70 degrees!"-Mike Stanek (10)

"Becoming a Letterman was something I always aimed for as an athlete. I didn't just join a sport for one year. I made a goal to stick with it and do something for myself and my team."
-Nick Paulauski (11)

In The Files

Quote

"In my four years I saw groups of trainers go in and out of the training room. Michelle Carlson (12), Sarah Pyle (10), Michelle Alande (10), Rachel Peyovich (11), Joe Gettler (8), and myself pulled our own weight and made the best of every situation. We were, in my opinion, the best group to go in and out of that training room."
-Krystal Cervantes (12)

Front Row: Krystal Cervantes, Jamie Pierce, Michelle Allande. Back Row: Sarah Pyle, Rachel Peyovich. Not Pictured: Michelle Carlson

Preparing for a game, trainer Sarah Pyle (10) fills a bucket of ice for the team to take with them. The trainers were responsible for keeping the players hydrated. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Tape, Teamwork Bring Achievement

Lettermen & Trainers

Many athletes dedicated their blood, sweat, and tears to a sport that they loved. After a season of hard work, they were rewarded in a variety of ways. One of them included becoming a member of the Lettermen's Club. These athletes could not take all the credit, however. Many people helped them to succeed including coaches, student managers, and student athletic trainers.

Ribbons and medals, achieving personal goals, and just winning in general could have been reward enough as an athlete, but a major achievement for many was receiving a varsity letter. It was important for a variety of reasons. "Lettering was very important to me," said Nick Paulauski (11). It was something I always wanted to have ever since my older brother got his when I was younger." Whatever the reason, Lettermen were proud to represent their school as athletes.

Though many sports teams' success came from individual athletes and their teams, the student trainers kept these athletes strong and healthy. The trainers aided athletes in a variety of ways. "For the athletes we taped wrists, ankles, and fingers. We iced soreness and cleaned and covered cuts. We were the ones that kept the team together and healthy," said Sarah Pyle (10). Both groups' hard work played a part in the success of each team and athlete. -**Ashley Rhodes**

Before heading to practice, Bryce Segert (11) and Paul Schmidt (10) talk by the boys' locker room about their current athletic success. Red letter jackets were a common sight up and down the hallways after school. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

After playing hard, Letterman Jeremy Williams (12) regains his energy between plays at the Homecoming football game. Williams was named Outstanding Senior Athlete. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

After a hard day of school TJ Pruzin (11) and Jason Strong (12) walk down the hallway on their way to practice. Both Pruzin and Strong lettered in multiple sports. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Keeping the football team refreshed and energized during a game against East Chicago, athletic trainers, Krystal Cervantes (12) and Michelle Carlson (12), bring out water to the players. The trainers not only quenched the players' thirsts, but they also fixed any injuries that occurred mid-game. Photo by Don Hanft of Gielas

On an awkward position, FCA member Steve Schelfo (10) pulls out a nail as another volunteer does the same. Members of the group helped at a Basher Home site. Photo by Andrea Jacobs

GVC & FCA

Athletes Display Unity On and Off Playing Field

For the members of the Girls' Varsity Club (GVC), the sport they played, their graduation year, and even awards and championship titles they won could have been identified from one quick glance at their letter jacket. Member Valarie Schweitzer (11) said, "I loved the fact that every year we got shorts or long sleeve t-shirts for just being in the club." GVC sponsored the annual Senior Athletics Banquet along with the Letterman's club. Nominated by club members and chosen by coaches, Jessica Nance (12) earned the Outstanding Senior Award for female sports. "I felt completely grateful to all of my coaches and teachers who taught me how to be the best I could be whether in the pool, on a court, or in a classroom," said Nance. Nance, Becky Ersine and Elizabeth Sabato won honor blankets.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, although originally designed for athletes only, accepted anyone who wanted to join. The club's advisor, Mr. Keith Iddings (math) said, "The members provided positive peer pressure in a world that encouraged people to embrace negative life styles." The club held early morning meetings, Bible study classes, and volunteered for charity. "Starting the day off with God was the most encouraging thing I could do. I loved being able to learn about my faith with my peers," said Kristine Rasmussen. **-Katie Reid**

During the varsity volleyball game against Lake Central, Erin Plumley (12), Laura Warne (11), and Sarah Zondor (11) get ready to return the ball. All three were members of GVC and Plumley and Zondor participated as officers. Photo by Steve Itogo of Grolas

Katie Lemke (12) struggles to fit a piece of wood into the work space at the Basher Home site. Lemke has participated in many of FCA's activities since her freshman year. Photo by Andrea Jacobs

To get the process moving, FCA members Steven Schelfo (10) and Tom Gancarz (12) transfer supplies to the waiting site. The club's work at the Basher Home provided a home for abused women and children. Photo by Andrea Jacobs

Hugging her sister Ericka (11) tightly, Jessica Nance (12) whispers words of encouragement during the swim team's senior night. Both of the girls were GVC members and lettered in swimming and volleyball. Photo by John Bir

Upperclass GVC Underclass GVC Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Front Row: Beth Sabato, Tiffany Noel, Laura Warne, Nicole Nowaczyk, Jaime Staniszeski, Jessica Ohlenkamp, Kelly Davis, Mrs. Janet Drag. Second Row: Amanda Sprehe, Valarie Schweitzer, Kathy Kutanovski, Jessica Frank, Jen Koscielniak, Erin Plumley, Sarah Zondor, Kelli Hein. Third Row: Kristen Grompone, Rebecca Guess, Katie Hein, Allyson Carnahan, Katie Lemke, Jessica Nance, Jennifer Dienes, Jeanette Rosenwinkel. Back Row: Tasha Beauchamp, Nicole Frost, Julie Steinberg, Laurie Leonard, Stephanie Black, Melissa Mariola, Ericka Nance, Rachel Peyovich.

In The Files

Officers

President- Erin Plumley (12)
Vice President- Rachel Peyovich (11)
Secretary- Valarie Schweitzer (11)
Treasurer- Sarah Zondor (11)
Advisor- Mrs. Janet Drag (English)

Awards

Outstanding Senior Athlete- Jessica Nance (12)
Special Award Blanket- Becky Erskine (12), Elizabeth Sabato (12), and Jessica Nance (12)

In The Files

Quote

"The best part of being in GVC was probably the letter jacket. I loved the fact that my letter jacket displayed all of my accomplishments for everyone to see. Being in GVC made me feel like I accomplished something good and important, and I think having the jacket showed that."
-Ashley Plumley (10)

Front Row: Joell Dixon, Sarah Vickers, Kathleen Shaw, Ashley Plumley, Shannon Morfin, Carly Link, Sheena Sum. Second Row: Tara Menacher, Katie LoGreco, Sarah Pyle, Shanna Schmelter, Kara Gora, Nikki Aubuchon. Third Row: Ashley Angelini, Amanda Ketcher, Liz Lewis, Jaime Kooi, Emily Booth, Sarah Myers, Jessica Koscielniak. Back Row: Dana Hernick, Janel Heneghan, Lisa Diederich, Alex Webster, Jen Schaafsma, Kelley Thorsen.

Laying: Jim Walsh. Front Row: Wes Derks, Stephanie Hardman, Leslie DeYoung, Andrea Jacobs, Sarah Pyle, Robin Schilling. Second Row: Steven Schelfo, Kristine Rasmussen, Alison Vetter, Katie Lemke, Laura Buchelt, Renee Rysiewicz, Shanna Schmelter. Third Row: Brooke Graczyk, Amy Enslen, Steve Hamilton, Rachel Easton, Rachel Peyovich. Back Row: Tom Gancarz, Lauren Voyles, Adam Kern, Pete Andre.

In The Files

Activities

Basher Home
Lessons and Bible studies for out of school meetings

Quotes

"Starting the day off with God was the most encouraging thing you could do. I loved being able to learn about my faith with my peers."
-Kristine Rasmussen (11)

Upper Key Club

In The Files

Officers

President- Maureen Sertich
Vice President- Asma Khalid
Secretary- Salina Paarlberg
Treasurer- Christine Parry

Quotes

"I liked it when everyone got together for a good cause."-Salina Paarlberg (12)

"I enjoyed seeing the smiles on the faces of the people we helped." -Maureen Sertich (12)

Front Row: Jeanette Rosenwinkle, Karissa Klingberg, Cynthia Mota. Second Row: Andrea Tournis, Salina Paarlberg, Vicky Lacny, Christine Parry, Lacey Norris. Back Row: Stephanie Huwig, Maureen Sertich, Jared Persinger, Dan McLain.

Lower Key Club

Front Row: Ashley Mann, Michelle Retson, Alexis Charizopoulos, Meredith Swan, Erin Crowley, Asma Khalid. Second Row: Melinda Geyer, Angela Spadoni, Colleen Drasga, Kelly Cowan, Crystal Krizanek, Sarah Carr, Collette Ivey. Third Row: Carly Link, Kelly Sankowski, Kera Boog, Kristin Gikas, Robynn Bisping, Dan Forsythe. Back Row: Andrew Aliferakis, Kristin Frost, Colleen Cash, Jenelle Brosius.

In The Files

Activities

Meals on Wheels ❍ Salvation Army Christmas in September ❍ St. Jude House ❍ St. Joe's Soup Kitchen Beach Sweep ❍ Relay for Life Hearts In Motion ❍ Kiwanis Peanut Day ❍ Kiss The Pig ❍ Lutheran Home

Quote

"It was fun to see our efforts put to good use." -Kristin Frost (10)

H.E.R.O

In The Files

Officers

President- Adam Kern
Vice President- Kristen Klavas
Secretary- Heather Wolf
Treasurer- Tiffany Thomas

Quotes

"My favorite thing was helping people and being able to be in the real world." -Eddie Brown (12)

"We helped a lot of people and had fun doing it." -Adam Warczynski (12)

Front Row: Tiffany Thomas, Jody Longfellow, Tina Gudenschwager, Bonnie Antcza, Heather Wolf. Second Row: Julie Ciesielski, Lindsy Fritz, Amy Brown, Mrs. Sharon Aldrich. Third Row: Eddie Brown, David Feerst, Adam Warczynski, Trevor Bravo, Robert Myers. Back Row: Adam Kern, Alex Billmeier, Jason Stahl, Bill Sanford.

Sara Flores (12) helps pack paper during Key Club's weekly recycling. Flores said, "Key Club was perfect because it was aimed at both community service and fun." Photo by Ashley Mann

Community service projects pay off

H.E.R.O & Key Club

Many students volunteered their time to participate in community service. Key Club and H.E.R.O led the majority of the community service projects.

Key Club's activities included a Happy Halloween party for elementary school kids, Angel Tree gift delivering, and the weekly school recycling. Andrew Aliferakis (10) said, "Key Club showed kids that people their age were doing something positive. If they saw their peers doing something, then they probably accepted it." They also had a few fundraising activities including a car wash, candy and tee-shirt sales, and IDD Fundraising. In addition, Mr. James Hardman (Principal) chose Key Club to head a school-wide NIPSCO project.

H.E.R.O participated in several activities including visiting Lutheran Home and Children's Co-op, setting up the Angel Tree, playing bingo with elders, planning a Halloween party for the handicapped and the annual food drive. "After collecting the food and seeing how much we had to give, you got this great feeling knowing that the family receiving the food would be able to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas," said Lindsy Fritz (12).

While being in these clubs, students revealed that helping out guaranteed lots of fun and provided a way to give back. -**Ashley Mann**

Adam Kern (12), Danielle Scott (12), and Jen Tortolano (12) collect clothes from the H.E.R.O clothing drive. The students also participated in a food drive at Thanksgiving and the Angel Tree project at Christmas. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Maureen Sertich (12) and Sara Carr (9) wash a van for the Key Club car wash fundraiser. Paarlberg said, "I loved being able to work with all the people and helping out the community." Photo by Brie Moore

Caitlin Meyer (10) demonstrates how to walk the runway during Key Club's Happy Halloween party. Meyer said, "I joined Key Club to help out the community. It was great knowing that what we were doing was making at least one person happy." Photo by Dan McLain

Trevor Bravo (12) plays Bozo buckets with a child at the Northwest Indiana Co-op during a Halloween party. Bravo said, "My favorite thing about H.E.R.O was working and making money." Photo by Mrs. Sharon Aldrich

Biology Club

In The Files

Quotes

"Mr. Loving was a fun and enthusiastic leader. I just wished we had more activities."
Alison Vetter (12)

"If I learned one thing from Biology Club, I learned, through dissections, that the medical field was not for me!"
Nicholas Dimos (11)

Front Row: Debbie Modrowski, Lauren Erickson, Sarah Hein. Second Row: Christine Parry, Rhiannon Amodeo, Katie Wusik, Susan Hrapcak, Jen Koscielniak. Third Row: Tatijana Prentoski, Lauren Hostinsky, Erin Plumley, Jamie Petersen, Rachel Bickel, Kelly Lemon. Back Row: Chris Fosnacht, Katie Lemke, Kevin Nolan, Renee Rysiewicz, Amber Bacavis, Nate Williams.

Honor Society

Front Row: Theresa Fredericks, Katie Schatzman, Susan Hrapcak, Jen Koscielniak, Leslie Huelat, Jaime Staniszeski, Jeremy McGoldrick, Sara Flores. Second Row: Matt Arroyo, Ryan Abella, Lisa Hogan, Samantha Miller, Sarah Wirtz, Kim Lambka, Salina Paarlberg, Brian Retson, Katie Wusik, Khiannon Amodeo. Third Row: Lauren Griffith, Brianne Booth, Annette Andre, Janet Monstwillo, Kiki Johnson, Stacy Jovanoski, Audra Rimkus, Julia Hamilton, Blythe Hamilton, Katie Lemke, Jessica Nance. Fourth Row: Tim Kaemar, Austin Szalmasagi, Peter Hagerman, Craig Bonsecerca, Kristen Shimala, Bre Scheldberg, Amy Unwin, Mike Sykes, Kevin Jenkins, Ahmad Paarlberg. Back Row: Andrew Osvalds, Jason Stahl, Isaiah Sumner, Eric Spindler, Kevin Cornelius, Jutin Tromp, Peter Rosdil, Chris Horst, Mr. Gerald Bradshaw

In The Files

Officers

Director of School Services- Blythe Hamilton (12)
Director of Community Service- Salina Paarlberg (12)
Director of Publicity- Leslie Huelat (12)
Director of Financial Affairs- Kevin Jenkins (12)
Director of Scholarship Education- Jaime Stanizeski (12)
Director of Leadership Education- Pete Hagerman (12)
Director of Character Education- Ahmad Paarlberg (12)
Director of Recognition Programs- Susan Hrapcak (12)

Speech Team

In The Files

Quote

"The thing about Speech Team that I enjoyed the most was meeting new people from around the state at our meets." -Denise Monroe (9)

"Sometimes it was hard to get up infront of people and give your speech, bu when you are done and you've done well, it was an amazing feeling." -Asma Khalid (10)

Front Row: Michelle Husted, Asma Khalid, Debbie Modrowski, Amber Bacavis. Back Row: Renee Rysiewicz, Elizabeth Lisican. Not pictured: Katy Argadine, Laurel Poulsen, Amanda Auron, Meghan Robbins, Angela Tedesco, Steve Hamilton, Denise Monroe.

Asma Khalid (10) performs her Original Oratory during speech team practice. Khalid earned a degree of merit in the National Forensic League and tied for 7th at state level. Photo by Dan McLain

Two Clubs Provide Academic Recognition

Speech Team & Honor Society

Sports interested the typical contender, but other avenues of competition in the academic areas were available. Students could join the Speech Team or work for good grades in order to be gain admittance to the very exclusive National Honors Society.

Speaking in front of a large group of people could often be extremely difficult. The Speech Team, however, turned those fears into competition. "I enjoyed Speech Team because it gave me an outlet to express myself. The only bad aspect of it was waking up at 4:00 in the morning to go to Saturday meets," said Amber Bacavis (9). Members worked on individual material and competed against various schools in the area trying to gain points toward earning membership in the National Forensic League. In February, the team gained admittance. Asma Khalid (10) earned a degree of merit and tied for 7th place at the state level the weekend before Spring Break in Indianapolis. "I liked giving the speeches. It was so great to get up and tell people how you felt and they listened," she said.

Honors Society membership required that students maintain a 3.25 grade point average, prove involvement in community service, acquire teacher endorsements and show leadership ability. "I was really happy to be inducted. It was an honor, and a nice ceremony," said Lauren Griffith (12).

-Ashley Rhodes

As Amanda Auron (9) recites her poem program called "Phenomenal Women," Meghan Robbins (9) critiques her. Practicing in front of others was a great way for Speech Team members to prepare. Photo by Dan McClain

Examining a preserved sample of a pig's lung, Debbie Modrowski (12) and Lauren Erickson (12) work on a lab for biology. The club was offered to students in AP Biology or Biology II. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Preparing for their next Speech Team meet, Katy Argadine (9) and Laurel Poulsen (9) rehearse their skit, "Lemonade" by James Perdeaux. The pair worked on perfecting this skit hoping to win at competition. Photo by D. McLain

In order to complete their lab, Rachael Schaafsma (12), Alison Vetter (12), Jennifer Wisor (12), and Stacey Christian (12) use small flashlights and mirrors to examine their nasal passages. Biology Club allowed members to study biology through interesting experiments. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Kiwanis and Rotarians

In The Files

Quotes

"It was an honor to be chosen as a Rotarian and, it was a fun experience talking to, listening to, and being a guest speaker."
-Allyson Carnahan (12)

"The Kiwanis Club was very involved in the Key Club and sponsored many activities in the school."
-Dan Gillaspie (12)

Front Row: Jaime Staniszeski, Sara Flores, Amber Volk, Brittany Brumbaugh, Julia Hamilton, Megan Hite. Second Row: Jeremy McGoldrick, Mary Beth Miller, Allyson Carnahan, Katie Lemke, Lauren Griffith. Third Row: Erin Plumley, Jessica Nance, Maureen Sertich, Tim Kacmar, Craig Bonaccorsi. Back Row: Jason Strong, Don Andersen, Jeremy Williams, Grayson Fenwick, Andrew Osvalds. Not pictured: Jon Moskovich, Chris Stanek, Jill Jones, Mark Bohling, Rebecca Guess, Peter Hagerman, Ty Trusgnich, Dan Gillaspie, Cassie Wertin, Jared Hays, Brianne Booth.

Peer As Resource

Front Row: Katie Metros, Katie Schatzman, Susan Hrapcak, Deanna Likens, Jackie Barnhill, Marisela Desiderio, Kristine Rasmussen. Second Row: Sarah Archer, Lindsey Coe, Jessica Bixeman, Ryan Abella, Audrey Metros, Kimiko Ostrozovich, Ashley Madajczyk, Leah Goodall. Third Row: Chris Fosnacht, Amy Unwin, Maureen Sertich, Laura Barkalow, Kristina Vaca, Brian Retson, Mike Sykes, Kathleen Lambert. Fourth Row: Katie Hein, Jamie Petersen, Ryan Tracy, Isaiah Sumner, Eric Spindler, Jim Walsh, Chris Seleski. Back Row: Kevin Cornelius, Peter Rosdil, Donald Andersen. Not pictured: Melissa Mariola.

In The Files

Officers

Sponsors-Mr. Don Bernacky (Social Studies) and Mr. Chad Bush (English)
President- Kevin Cornelius (12)
Vice-President- Chris Fosnacht (12)
Secretary- Don Andersen (12)

Quote

"The Peer As Resource Club was there to primarily help the school and get students involved."
-Lindsey Coe (12)

Boys' & Girls' State

In The Files

Election Winners

Angela Heinzman- Auditor of the State
Maureen Sertich- Good Citizen Award
Isaiah Sumner- City Council Member

Quote

"I won the party nomination, in part, because the speech I gave in front of our Nationilist Political Party was really funny." Angela Heinzman (12).

Front Row: Angela Heinzman, Maureen Sertich, Elizabeth Bostian. Back Row: Ahmad Paarlberg, Andrew Osvaldś, Isaiah Sumner. Not pictured: Peter Hagerman.

Peer As Resource member Salina Paarlberg (12) collects money from Aaron Sprehe (10) during the Santa's Helper fundraiser. Proceeds went to the St. Jude House. Photo by A. Rhodes

Occuptional Groups Give Taste of Reality

Rotarians
Peer As Resource
Boys'/Girls' State
Kiwanians

Rotarians and Kiwanians incorporated senior male and female athletes, club leaders, and scholars chosen to represent their group based on a combination of sportsmanship, dedication, and academic achievement. Every week, they met with and listened to guest speakers from certain businesses in the community. "I enjoyed going to the meetings. The company of the adults and the food was excellent," said Amber Volk (12).

Boys' and Girls' State offered a unique experience for young men and women throughout the state. It was sponsored by the American Legion and held at Indiana State University. Students stayed for a week and ran for a mock political party in their mock city. "I ran for Auditor of State position," said Angela Heinzman (12), "I got to meet so many talented ladies from all over the state." Besides all the campaigning that was put into running for a political position, they also had fun and met many new people.

Students who participated in Peer As Resource had the opportunity to help their fellow classmates and the community. "This group primarily aimed to help the school, get other students involved, and hopefully have fun at the same time," said Lindsay Coe (11). During Christmas, they raised money and bought presents for children staying at the St. Jude House and in February held a Twist-a-thon competition. **-Ashley Rhodes**

During Girls State at Indiana State University, Angela Heinzman (12) gives a speech to over 800 other participants. She won the position of Auditor of the State. She attributed her success to using humor in her speech. Photo submitted by Angela Heinzman

One of Santa's helpers, Chris Fosnacht (12), writes his name on an elf after donating to the Peer As Resource fund raiser. Fosnacht was the club's Vice-President. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

After giving money to the Peer As Resource fund raiser, Kevin Nolan (12) hangs his Christmas elf on the wall to show the contribution that he makes. After the Peer As Resource fund raiser the wall was filled with colorful little helpers. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

Getting on the bus, Maureen Sertich (12), Elizabeth Bostian (12), and Angela Heinzman (12) head home from Girls' State. Only 800 girls were chosen to participate in the week-long, mock campaign. Photo submitted by Angela Heinzman

Looking for the fill line, Aaron Kunkle (12) and Zarko Stefanoski (12) check the engine oil of a Pontiac Grand Prix. Kunkle said, "Auto Club gave me time during school to work on my car." Photo by Brad Kowert

Math Club & Auto Club

Scholars Calculate. Technicians Contribute

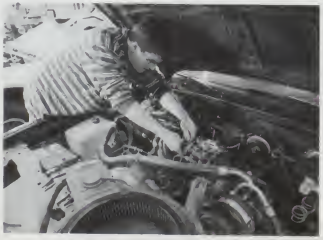
It was that time of the year again when the Auto Club performed its annual, free, winter car check. Students, teachers, and community residents brought their cars in to the Auto Shop to be checked by the young technicians. The guys checked everything from the basic fluids to the pressure in the tires. Then again in May the Auto Club members got together and put on the 5th Annual Auto Show. Both modern and classic cars competed against one another in every division. The club included for the first time a sound contest. Only those cars with the best stereo systems received awards.

One would think that to answer only five questions, 30 minutes would be plenty of time. Well, not if you participated in the Math Club and the tests compared you with everyone else in the state of Indiana. The Math Club met about once a month during the end of 7th hour. The tests taken in Math Club included highly complex problems which took numerous steps to complete. The Math Club was only open to those students in Pre-Calculus or Calculus. In May, a few elite members of the club placed first in the Chesterton Math Contest which was held annually among Northwest Indiana schools. Mrs. Nancy May (Math) sponsored the group. **-Brad Kowert**

With a grin on his face, senior Eric Spindler (12), takes his test with absolute confidence of himself. Spindler was one of the few students who took the accelerated Chesterton Math test. Photo by Brad Kowert

In a group effort Chris Weeks-Barnitt (12), Scott Dorrance (12), Aaron Baker (12), and Dan Cooper (12) use a "port-of-power" to check the engine of a Volkswagon Bug. Restoring the "Bug" was a personal project of teacher Mr. Robert Belei (Auto Shop). Photo by John Bir

Working on adjusting the carburetor linkage, Marc Staples (12) checks to make sure that there are no problems. Staples was in the Auto Club for all of his high school years and became the president during his senior year. Photo by John Bir



Focused on his test, Justin Tromp (12), works the exam in front of him. At his own house, Tromp often helped some students who were having problems with Calculus. Photo by Brad Kowert

Auto Club

Front Row: Woody Kelsey, Marc Staples, Justin Sturm. Second Row: Jeff Steen, Kevin Frazier, Chris Weaver. Back Row: Rob Doty, Doug Conley, Ryan Horst. Not Pictured: Jerry Heick and Brett Overby.

In The Files

Officers

President- Marc Staples
Vice President- Woody Kelsey
Treasurer- Justin Sturm

Quote

"Auto Club was a blazin' good time, because it allowed me to both work with my hands and get great experience on the work necessary for cars,"- Jeff Steen (12)

1st Year Spanish

In The Files

Quotes

"Foreign Language Week was the best of times. We all had fun while achieving a little bit of cultural knowledge." - Jessica Babich (9)

"The best part of Spanish Club was the after school meetings when we all talked of what we were to do next and ate some great tasting food." -Kera Boog (10)

Front Row: Erin Nault, Michelle Retson, Stephanie Meyers, Kristin Gikas, Amanda Hembree. Second Row: Kristen Zych, Jessica Babich, Laura Feder, Tim Weber. Back Row: Mike Momper, Kera Boog, Ashley Wilson, Ross Frickie, Blake Reynolds.

Math Club

Front Row: Katie Metros, Kristen Pavlovick, Lauren Griffith, Janet Monstwillo, Lindsey Ciochina, Nick Dimos, Matt Arroyo. Second Row: Sara Flores, Brian Retson, Peter Bessette, Matt Phillips, Peter Hagerman, Chris Horst, Matt Boyd. Third Row: Karissa Guyer, Isaiah Sumner, Eric Spindler, Ryan Tracy, John Horst, Ahmad Paarlberg, Tim Kacmar. Back Row: Brad Kowert, Justin Tromp, Ryan Fleming, Robby Schrum, Kevin Nolan, Pete Rosdil.

In The Files

Quote

"I enjoyed Math Club because it made my brain think twice as hard as it normally would." - Kevin Nolan (12)

"Math Club allowed me to get out of class once of month to do something that wasn't hard, and that I enjoyed participating in." - Pete Rosdil (12)

2nd Year Spanish

In The Files

Officers

Assistant Secretary- Kristin Zych (10)
Assistant Public Relations Director- Kera Boog (10)
Sophomore Class Representative- Jessica Bixeman (10)

Quote

"Spanish Club helped me learn more about the Spanish language and culture and it was fun to be with my friends."
-Laura Buchelt (10)

Front Row: Briege Buckley, Kelly Bielak, Sarah Vickers, Amanda Ketcher, Georganne Weber, Barb Panizzo, Jamie Lemon. Second Row: Danielle Schott, Shannon Morfin, Ashley Plumley, Veronica Dominquez, Jenny Hughes, Jessica Bixeman, Jen Symmes, Melissa Geagan, Nicole Abshire. Third Row: Allison Bishop, Kelly McMahon, Wendy Falkenberg, Sarah Pyle, Jamie Kooi, Leslee Zona, Kristine Russell, Kayla Spillers, Cathy Altop. Fourth Row: Laura Andreoli, Laura Buchelt, Lauren Hack, Emily Tromp, Ross Fricke, Aimee Pancini. Back Row: Andrew Aliferakis, Kyle Knutson, Jarrod Fodemski, Nick Paulauski, Alonso Arambula, Sean Cole, Dan Forsythe. Not pictured: Kristin Zych, Kera Boog.

3rd Year Spanish

Front Row: Katie Metros, Kelli Morgan, Becky Hamilton, Kristin Hunt, Kristen Pavlovick, Jessica Frank, Erica Krick. Second Row: Lisa Hogan, Amanda Sprehe, Lauren Miller, Jeanette Rosenwinkel, Nicholas Dimos, Lindsey Ciochina, Jamie Petersen, Jackie Witt. Third Row: Kristine Rasmussen, Julie Steinberg, Farren Roark, Alison Ruess, Travis Smith, Conrad Harris. Back Row: Dustin Henderlong, Jason Kranz, Cory Driver, Tom Sarnecki. Not Pictured: Melissa Mariola

In The Files

Officers

Underclass President- Erica Krick (11)
Alternate- Melissa Mariola (11)
Vice President- Lindsey Ciochina (11)
2nd Vice President- Kristin Hunt (11)
Secretary- Katie Metros (11)
Treasurer- Becky Hamilton (11)
Alternate- Kelli Morgan (11)
Junior Class Representatives- Cory Driver (11) & Jessica Frank (11)

4th Year Spanish

In The Files

Officers

President- Laura Nowak (12)
Alternate- Emilie Etter (12)
Public Relations Director- Kelly Lemon (12)
Senior Class Representative- Kate Oberman (12)

Activities

Candy Fundraiser
Dia de los Muertos
Shopping in Chicago

Front Row: Jeremy McGoldrick (laying), Katie Schatzman, Susan Hrapcak, Leslie Huelat, Jaime Staniszeski, Marisela Desiderio. Second Row: Blythe Hamilton, Katie Lemke, Ryan Abella, Katie Wusik, Morgan Vlassapoulos, Amy Unwin. Third Row: Laura Barkalow, Kelly Lemon, Stacey Christian, Brian Retson, Kate Sarbiewski. Back Row: Jeremy Williams, Miss Carol Bangsberg, Melissa Boone, Craig Bonaccorsi. Not Pictured: Laura Nowak, Emilie Etter, Kate Oberman.

Before the next person steps up to test their strength, Lindsey Ciochina (11) and Emilie Etter (12) adjust the piñata. This was an annual activity at the Halloween party. Photo by M. Mariola

Club "Breaks Open" Spanish Culture

Spanish Club

Very often students didn't take the opportunity to become better acquainted with the foreign language that they chose to study. However, those who did, learned it was a unique and fun experience. Especially those in Spanish Club. "Spanish Club offered a great combination of culture and fun," said Katie Metros (11).

As always, the Spanish Club held their annual fund-raiser. They sold skull shaped suckers around Halloween. "The suckers were a big hit. It was good that everybody bought them because they were for a good cause," said Melissa Mariola (11). The club also visited Chicago around Christmas time to go shopping. They held meetings once a month where they ate Mexican food and at Christmas they sang Spanish Christmas carols.

The most important event for the group was "Dia de los Muertos" or "Day of the Dead." At this, fiesta members could try their hand at the piñata, play BINGO, eat Mexican food, and have fun with friends. "The 'Day of the Dead' fiesta was a fun and cultural learning experience," said Lindsey Ciochina (11). Being able to experience an authentic Spanish holiday was an experience in which many members could gain much cultural knowledge.

-Ashley Rhodes

Thirsty after eating her share of Spanish food, Katie Metros (11) pours herself something to drink. Food was a major part of most events that took place in Spanish Club. Photo by Melissa Mariola

At one of the many Spanish Club meetings, Kelly Lemon (12) and Laura Nowak (12) get in the Christmas spirit by singing Spanish Christmas carols. Experiencing the language in unique ways such as singing was a great way to learn. Photo by Melissa Mariola

Tempted by the smell of food, Katie Kurowski (11) serves Kristin Hunt (11) something to eat. Besides meetings and other activities, members could often experience Spanish food in their classes as well. Photo by Melissa Mariola

At "The Day of the Dead" fiesta Kristine Russell (10) plays a game of BINGO. This special BINGO required members to translate a Spanish word written on the board and find the picture of it on their BINGO card. Photo by Melissa Mariola

As Mr. David Rosenbaum laughs, Jennifer Barr (11) proposes to him. As part of the Germanc Christmas celebration, Barr had to perform a dare or receive a coal smear across her face. Photo by Leslie Huelat

German Club

Club Members Display St. Nickolas Day Fun

German Club provided a way for students to expand their knowledge and meet people outside of school. "I joined German Club because I wanted to spend time after school learning while having a lot of fun with friends," said Sean Cole (11).

The club's events started by making a float for the Homecoming parade. Other events included field trips, St. Nickolas Day, a German dance, a cooking event and different activities during Foreign Language Week. "We went to the White Rose to eat real German food. During the trip we learned about food, culture, and history," said Christine Parry (12). The club also took German foreign exchange students to see the Blue Man Group at the The Briar Street Theatre.

During the Christmas holiday the senior club members demonstrated a German tradition called St. Nickolas Day. Many members dressed up as German characters, such as St. Nickolas, and made underclassmen do odd and funny stunts to earn candy. If they didn't agree to do the activity their faces were smeared with coal. "During St. Nickolas Day I was St. Nick and had to make people do dares in order to get candy. Some people had to propose to Mr. Rosenbaum. It was a lot of fun," said Kevin Cornelius (12). **-Matt Phillips**

Helping with Foreign Language week, Katie Messing (9) works on a poster that was displayed in the school. During the week, German Club gave teachers and workers a Toblerone candy bar. Photo by Sarah Panyk

After drawing the coal card, a shoeless Adam Kerr (11) proudly shows off his coal smeared face. The students put one shoe in the hallway, hoping it would be filled with treats from St. Nickolas. Photo by Katie Brekmer

German students Tony Schoeffel (11), Bill Schmidt (11), Ashley Bush (11), and Andrew Bodinet (11) attempt to answer a Quiz Bowl question as Tasha Beauchamp (11) keeps score. They scored the best scores on a test which qualified them for the team. Photo by Kelly Vaughan

Playing the role of Saint Nickolas, Kevin Cornelius (12) reaches for Tasha Beauchamp's (11) hand. Cornelius said, "The experience of being in the club and learning about the German people was very interesting." Photo by Leslie Huelat

1st/2nd Year German 2nd/3rd Year German 4th Year German

Front Row: Hakeem Randhawa, Stephanie Dennis, Giulia Vicari, Renee Rysiewicz, Amber Bacavis, Ed Klingberg. Second Row: Dala Duffala, Chrissy Hodorowicz, Marc Bonich, James Jared. Back Row: Sean Cole, Nick Paulauski. Not pictured: Katie Messing.

In The Files

Quote

"One of the best aspects of German Club was the help of Bjorn Bulles, our German assistant. He provided club members with cooking demonstrations, examples of modern German music and countless slides of his home country. He taught students many things that I could not have."
-Mr. David Rosenbaum (German)

In The Files

Quiz Bowl winners

Third year team #1- Andrew Bodinet (11), Ashley Bush (11), Bill Schmidt (11), Tony Schoeffel (11)

Third year team #2- Liz Bostian (11), Bryce Segert (11), Adam Kerr (11), Jennifer Barr (11)

Fourth year team- Scott Mason (12), Chris Horst (12), Isaiah Sumner (12), Kevin Cornelius (12)

Front Row: Tasha Beauchamp, Anna Jessen, Carissa Klingberg, Beth Erickson, Kelly Cowan.Second Row: Chris Aiello, Lauren Erickson, Debbie Modrowski, William Friedericks. Third Row: John Diekelmann, Jeff Lambert, Adam Kerr. Back Row: Dave Huber, Chris Seleski, Matt Tomczik.

Front Row: Christine Parry, Tiffany Noel, Sarah Hein. Second Row: Kevin Cornelius, Scott Mason, Mr. David Rosenbaum, Derek Vaupel. Back Row: David Meyers, Chris Horst, Eric Spindler.

In The Files

German Council

Scott Mason (12)
Christine Parry (12)
Eric Spindler (12)
Isaiah Sumner (12)

Quote

"I feel that German Club has been a positive experience and I was honored that I could be part of the German Council."
-Christine Parry (12)

1st & 2nd Year Japanese Club

In The Files

Favorite Animation Picks

Dragon Ball Z
Ronin Warriors
Gundam Wing
Record of Lodoss War
Vampire Hunter D

Quote

"Vampire Hunter D was a great movie with a great story line." - John Miller (10)

Front Row: Greg Schatzman, Tiffany Emrick, Dan Stanko, Teddy Beyer, Ben Williams, Dave Thomas. Second Row: Danny Ostrozovich, Jeff Phillips, Garret Willis, Jim LeBeau, Mike Stanek. Third Row: Matt Ruble, Phil Rendina, Aaron Thomas, Aaron Faulstich. Back Row: Jeff Nelson, Dan McLain, David Hanus.

3rd Year Japanese Club

Front Row: Kimiko Ostrozovich, Hannah Petyko. Back Row: Eric Mickey, Nate Hoernig, Chris Angelucci.

In The Files

Activities

Yohan Mall field trip
Japanese exchange
Party at Mr. Neindorf's house

Quote

"At the parties at Niendorf's house students could eat Japanese food. This was hard to find in Indiana so it was an experience to remember."
-Kyle Springman (12)

4th Year Japanese Club

In The Files

Officers

President-Ryan Walton (12)
Vice President-Chuck Barman (12)

Quote

"Japanese Club was crazy and fun. I loved being the president! "
-Ryan Walton (12)

"I thought Japanese was a great language and had a cool culture."
-Chuck Barman (12)

Front Row: Chris Dye, Kyle Springman, Robert Myers. Second Row: Joe Schmidt, Mr. John Niendorf, Jim Duffy, Charles Barman Jr. Back Row: Ryan Walton, Ty Trusgnich.

On his new home in Japan, Ryan Walton (12) writes letters to his friends back home. Walton said it was scary at first adjusting to a new culture. Photo submitted by Ryan Walton

Club Explores Japanese Culture

Japanese Club

Having fun and kicking back was what Japanese club was all about. Every two weeks Mr. John Neindorf assembled the Japanese Club after school on Fridays. The Japanese Club was a time to just have fun. Rachel Kubaki (11) said, "It was a place to casually discuss Japanese experiences between the different levels of Japanese students." In addition, Matt Boyd (11) said, "We just played video games, watched Japanese animation, but also made decisions about important things." The main goal of Japanese Club was to have a good time. A typical meeting consisted of someone bringing in Play Station with Japanese games or a Japanese animation video like Dragon Ball Z. Jeff Phillips (10) said, "It was fun even though it seemed as though we did not really do much except hangout."

Field trips to Yohan, Borders bookstore, and the annual Christmas party at Mr. Neindorf's house were some of the events that the Japanese Club participated in. Yohan was an annual trip that the whole Japanese class went on to a Japanese mall and grocery store where the students had an assignment to talk and interview Japanese people that worked there.

John Miller (10) said, "Japanese Club was great! Even though we did not have many meetings, during the times we did, it was a great time."

-Dan McLain

At the Field Museum, Ryan Walton (12) looks at the airplane exhibit with Japanese exchange students. Walton said, "Hosting was a great experience for me and I hope that they learned a lot about the American culture." (With Jim Duffy) Photo by Dan McLain

At the Dunes, Rachel Kubaki (11) and her exchange student, Yuko Wantanabe, slide down Mount Baldy. Students said it was so much fun to have someone to learn and share experiences with. Photo submitted by Rachel Kubaki

As part of his assignment for class, Jeff Phillips (10) asks an employee at Yohan about Japan, where he's from, and the price of food. "He was a nice, funny guy. And it was cool talking to Japanese people in Japanese," said Phillips. Photo by Dan McLain

While visiting the Field Museum, Teddy Beyer (9) and his exchange student, Ikuko, look at the giant train set. Japanese students said hosting was a great experience. Photo by Dan McLain

On the Homecoming Parade, Meagan Plants (11), Sarah Shebis (9), Ken Easton (10), and Meredith Bradford (9) ride the Latin Club float. The club members dressed like Greek gods. Photo by Leslie Huelet

Latin Club

Latin Club Takes First at State Convention

In Latin "Carpe Diem" means "Seize the day." The Latin Club did just that. Winning many awards brought the club national attention.

The Latin Club attended the Annual Indiana Junior Classical League State Convention at Purdue University in West Lafayette. "We were awarded the Sweepstakes Award. It was based on our overall achievements in all of the competitions, making us State Champions," said Andy Wirtz (10). Individual awards were giving as well. Lauren Griffith (12) won four 1st place awards and four 2nd place awards. She said, "I did well as an individual. I was awarded an Academic Achievement trophy. The trophy was based on various academic test and creative arts." Kristina Chelbowski (11) received nine awards for her artwork. "I was honored to receive the awards and proud, but I was really happy to help the whole club by winning," said Chelbowski.

The students participated in many fundraisers and other activities. Mr. Jeremy Walker, club sponsor, said, "To begin the year our club took part in the Great American Opportunities Fundraiser."

Latin Club also aided in the performance of the fall play *Harvey* by managing the concessions. Their final fundraiser of the year was the after-game dance. "The dance portayed a toga theme," said Shanna Schmelter (10).

-Stephanie Black

Ryan Tracy (12) sings Smashmouth's *Allstar* while Kenny Easton (10) plays the guitar. The duo provided some entertainment at the State Convention in Lafayette. Photo by Jeremy Walker

During the State Convention, Meagan Plants (11) dances to the beat. "We have a dance every year so we can get to know other Latin students. Everyone always managed to have a good time," said Plants. Photo by Jeremy Walker

While enjoying a night out, Kelly Sankowski (10), Kenny Easton (10), Eric Peschke (11) and Krystina Trimble (9) watch their friends bowl. Bowling night was one of the many activities Latin Club participated in. Photo by Jeremy Walker

At the State convention, Lauren Griffith (12) is handed one of her many awards. Griffith received the Academic Achievement Trophy which was awarded to the top five students at the convention. Photo by Jeremy Walker

1st Year Latin Club 2nd & 3rd Year Latin Club 4th Year Latin Club

Front Row: Daya Pillai, Sarah Shebish, Ryan Sandbach, Amy Rieser, Sarah Carr, Heather Dallman. Second Row: Andy Balicki, Stephanie Hardman, Naseema Mohammed, Angela Tedesco, Meredith Bradford, Jill Schiesser. Back Row: Fabienne Koenemann, Christine Peterson, Janelle Willoughby, Krystina Trimble.

In The Files

Officers

President- Ryan Tracy (12)
Vice President- Chris Humbert (11), Lauren Griffith (12)
Secretary- Kelly Sankowski (10)
Treasurer- Katie Braggs (10)
Historian- Meagan Plants (11)
Artist- Kristina Chlebowski (11)
State Parliamentarian- Stacy Jovanoski (12)

In The Files

Awards

Butler Latin Day- Jeopardy Champs
IJCL Indiana Certamen Invitational-
Novice Team First Place, Upper Team Firstt Place
State Convention- Sweepstakes Award, Helen Wampler Spirit Award, Convention Delegate Spirit Competition-Third Place
Publicity Contest- Third Place

Front Row: Shanna Schmelter, Meredith Swan, Kelly Sankowski, Katie Braggs, Kristina Chlebowski. Second Row: Kristin Frost, Jeremy Kras, Seth Bostian, Chris Humbert, Mike Porras. Third Row: Chip Walter, Christian Burrell, James Delneese, Andy Wirtz. Back Row: Kris Rieser, Robby Schrum.

First Row: Lauren Griffith, Janet Monstwillo, Stacy Jovanoski, Tiffany Skekloff. Second Row: Samantha Miller, Jennifer Wisor, Lee Yoder. Back Row: Mr. Jeremy Walker, Mike Sykes, Ryan Tracy.

In The Files

Activities

Halloween Party
Christmas party
Ice Skating at St. John's Ice Rink
Roman Banquet
Bowling Night
Movie Night

Quote

"Latin Club was interesting and fun. Plus the people are pretty cool too."
Aaron Wirtz (12)

1st/2nd Year French

In The Files

Representatives

Elizabeth Camp (9)
Elizabeth Lisican (9)
Jenelle Brosius (10)
Ashley Mann (10)

Quote

"Being involved with Cinderella was a real challenge and a lot of hard work, but it was really fun in the end." - Ashley Amodeo (9)

Front Row: Britany Andrews, Kathleen Shaw, Heather Mann, Kate Hartlerode, Beth Sabato, Kelley Thorsen, Chrissy Sanford. Second Row: Megan Langel, Tracey Johnson, Colleen Drassa, Angela Spadoni, Elizabeth Lisican, Elizabeth Camp, Alice Wildes, Courtney Boehivert. Third Row: Mrs. Julia Chary, Emily James, Becky Zaucha, Ashleigh Robbins, Abby Mummery, Tracey Farnsworth, Zuzane Kubicova, Asma Khalid, Merv Barenie. Back Row: Dana Hernick, Allison Witt, Melissa Machowicz, Karie Larson, Colleen Genetos, Nikki Borys, Mimi Steiger, Janelle Brosius. Not Pictured: James Larson, Colin Japchinski, Ashley Amodeo, Kaitlin Klepsch, Amy Marsh, Ashley Mann.

3rd Year French

Front Row: Brian Walter, Kendra Japchinski, Kristen Grompone, Rhianna Tomaszak, Adam Link. Second Row: Andrea Jacobs, Cynthia Mota, Heather Raymond, Chris Kyle, Sarah Roth. Back Row: Aaron Muir, Rachel Easton, Karissa Guyer, Ashley Rhodes, Jim Walsh. Not Pictured: Ryan Frisinger, Jen Kalemba, Crystal Martin.

In The Files

Representatives

Karissa Guyer (11)
Ryan Frisinger (11)
Emily Steiger (11)

Field Trips

French Opera Carmen
Phantom of the Opera
Christmas Around the World
Shopping in Chicago
Great America

4th Year French

In The Files

Representatives

Kelly Andrews (12)
Brian Andrews (12)
Kassie Miller (12)
Brianne Booth (12)

Celebrations/Activities

Marti Gras
Feast of the Three Kings
Cendrillon (Cinderella) play
Carolling at the Lutheran Home

Front Row: Rhiannon Amodeo, Emily Dewes, Melissa Stonecipher, Audra Rimkus. Second Row: Kristen Shimala, Beth Marshall, Annette Andre, Peter Rosdil. Not Pictured: Brianne Booth, Natalie Perryman, Brian Andrews, Kelly Andrews, Kassie Miller.

French Club members Adam Link (11), Kelly Andrews (12), Jim Walsh (11), and Cynthia Mota (11) gather to sing French carols. This was one of Three Kings' celebration activities. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

French Club

Club Enacts Fairy Tale with French Twist

Celebrating famous French events, enjoying fun activities, cooking French foods, and taking field trips, all while spending time with friends sounds interesting, right? Members of the French Club thought so.

"French Club's goal was to promote awareness of French culture and the study of the language," said Mrs. Ruth Ann Price (3rd and 4th year French). They tried to meet once a month for a meeting, activity, or celebration planned by the Executive Council, which is made up of representatives from each class in the French Club.

One of the traditional celebrations of the French Club was the Feast of the Three Kings. This year the celebration took place at the house of Adam Link (11). "We made lots of different authentic foods from France like chicken in wine sauce called Coc au Vin, salad, French bread, and delicious desserts like Bouché de Noël," said Link.

Another French Club event not only displayed the ability to speak French, but the talent to act as well. Some of the French Club members performed in the play Cinderella, which was taped and played for entertainment at the International Banquet. "My favorite thing about the play was having it all done and seeing the completed product," said Brian Andrews (12).

-Sarah Pasyk

During the Christmas season Sarah Roth (11), Heather Raymond (11), Brian Walters (11), and Jen Kalemba (11) sing carols for the elderly at the Lutheran Nursing Home. The group was also joined by the Key Club members in the event. Photo by Bree Moore

French Club member Rhiannon Amodeo (12) shares her experience of being a foreign exchange student in Belgium with her class. The speeches were part of the many activities during Foreign Language Week. Photo by Dan McLain

Sitting at the candlelit dinner at the International Banquet, Carly Link (10) and Dave Davison (10) talk about the event. "I really enjoyed talking to the foreign exchange students there," said Link. Photo by Sarah Pasyk

Since food was such an important part of learning French culture, Kendra Japchinski (12) and Jody Longfellow (12) made sure not to miss out when eating at the Three Kings' Celebration. The meal included a large spread with many different authentic French dishes. Photo by Ashley Rhodes

(A)t the Holiday Concert, Kristine Rasmussen (11), Sara Flores (12), and Aaron Wirtz (12) sing "Jazz Gloria." The songs filled the auditorium with the holiday spirit. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Mixed & Girls' Show Choir

Song and Dance Entertains Audience

At the choir concerts, parents could go see what their children were working on in class. They could sit back and listen to the music coming off the stage, and feel proud to know it was coming from their child. However, when the Show Choir came onto the stage, parents could admire their child's talents in a completely different way since the group not only sang, but performed difficult choreographed dance numbers along with the singing.

In class, students worked hard on songs to perform at their next concert. Show Choir members, however, had to come back after school and work on their songs for the concert as well. "Our greatest achievement was learning very difficult music and choreography in a short period time," said Erin Shanley (11). The groups performed a variety of fun songs and choreography. "My favorite number was 'Don't Tell Mama' because it was unique and fun to do," said Tracey Farnsworth (10). Dala Duffala (11) said, "The RENT medley was definitely exciting to perform."

Besides concerts, the groups performed at various places around the area. For example, they performed at St. Mary's School, White Hawk Country Cub, First Presbyterian Church, Solon Elementary School, and Briarwood Country Club. **-Ashley Rhodes**

(S)ide by side, Brian Andrews (12) and Lindsey Ciochina (11) dance in the holiday concert with the mixed show choir. The routines were choreographed by John Newbar and Nancy Bocheck. Photo by Mary Beth Miller

(R)ehearsing dance moves for the performance at the Spring Sing, Tracey Farnsworth (10) and Ashleigh Robbins (10) take time out of choir class. Show Choir members often used class time to work on their routines in small groups. Photo by R. Overbeeke

(D)ancing to the music, the girls' Show Choir sings to the students at St. Mary's Catholic School. The mixed and girls' show choirs traveled to a number of schools throughout the year to perform. Photo by Erin Kirk

(P)erforming at Solon Robinson Elementary School, Paul Fleming (12) and Rachel Easton (11) sing a duet from the musical *Rent*. The songs lyrics concerning AIDS and loneliness must have touched the audience deeply as many had tears in their eyes. Photo by Alison Ruess

Concert Choir

Front Row: Kim Lambka, Leslie DeYoung, Melissa Stinson, Kiki Johnson, Christine Parry, Jessica Back, Sara Flores, Carissa Klingberg, Natalie Johnsen, Anna Jessen, Erin Shanley, Kristine Rasmussen, Kelly Andrews. Second Row: Eric Davis, Morgan Vlassopoulos, Brittany Brumbaugh, Brian Retson, Jill Bradford, Emily Schramm, Nick Dimos, Lacey Norris, Ashley Rhodes, Rachel Easton, Dala Duffala, Lindsey Ciochina, Kristen Grompone, Brian Andrews. Third Row: Chris Aiello, Matt Arroyo, Kyle Sparrow, Derek Thornberry, Ashley Bush, April Henderlong, Jon Lowery, Seth Norwalk, Chris Coe, Adam Link, Scott Mason, Ryan Allen, Aaron Muir. Back Row: Kenny Easton, Andy Wirtz, Dan Thornberry, Sarah Hein, Lauren Voyles, Lauren Erickson, Ryan Fleming, Dustin Henderlong, Dave Davison, Matt Boyd, Paul Fleming, Robby Schrum, John Besuchamp, Nick Zestanakis.

In The Files

Quote

"In Concert Choir we sang songs that were fun to get into. They helped us learn about black history and many other cultures. We worked together and that made it enjoyable!" -Kristine Rasmussen (12)

Activities

Christmas carolling
ISSMA
IMEA Convention

Girls' Show Choir

Front Row: Lauren Erickson, April Henderlong. Second Row: Anna Jessen, Natalie Johnsen, Courtney Bright, Kathleen Shaw, Kara Wotherspoon. Third Row: Elizabeth Camp, Megan Mulholland, Ashleigh Robbins, Jamie Kooi. Back Row: Beth Erickson, Emily Schramm, Katie Braggs, Julie Steinberg, Kera Boog, Tracey Farnsworth. Not pictured: Abby Mummery, Shana Laninga, Erica Krick.

In The Files

Quotes

"My favorite thing about Show Choir was meeting new people and being able to sing and dance with them." -Courtney Bright (10)

"I loved the unity our group had. We became so close." -Kathy Shaw (10)

Performance Locations

Solon Robinson, St. Mary's School, First Presbyterian Church, White Hawk Country Club

Mixed Show Choir

Front Row: Erin Shanley, Jill Bradford, Christine Parry, Lacey Norris, Ashley Rhodes, Kristine Rasmussen. Second Row: Brian Retson, Lindsey Ciochina, Ashley Bush, Kristen Grompone, David Parrish, Mike Ferraro, Brittany Brumbaugh. Third Row: Nick Dimos, Matt Arroyo, Scott Mason, Rachel Easton, Dala Duffala, Marshall Back, Brian Andrews. Back Row: Jon Lowery, Aaron Wirtz, Eric Davis, Robby Schrum, Kenny Easton, Paul Fleming, Aaron Wirtz. Not Pictured: Kelly Andrews.

In The Files

Quotes

"Our group was great. Show Choir was a major highlight for me." -Dala Duffala (11)

"Show Choir was a very tight group. We had a lot of fun and shared great memories." -Kenny Easton (10)

Numbers

"Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "Jazz Gloria," "Cool Yule," RENT Medley, Tarzan Medley

Freshmen Girls' Choir

In The Files

Quotes

"I enjoyed preparing and singing in Spring Sing. Just being able to sing such great songs and having the chance to say good-bye to all my senior friends was really special."
-Kim Stegall (9)

"Choir was so much fun! Mrs. Borodine was the sweetest teacher, and her teaching technique was always interesting." -Kelly Sapita (9)

Front Row: Katrina Lessner, Sarah Shebish, Katie Messing, Caitlin Lincourt, Sabrina Morgan, Heather Jessop, Jamie Mislain, Lauren Armenta, Maggie Friedericks, Melissa Casteel, Kim Stegall. Second Row: Georgianne Weber, Natalie Stypula, Nicki Garza, Diana Snyder, Lauren Tokar, Ashley Emrick, Allison Southard, Rosa Venegas, Karlin Norwalk, Meghan Robbins. Third Row: Kelly Sapita, Courtnet Carstens, Elizabeth Lisican, Colleen Cash, Jessica Rick, Amanda Reader, Megan Mullholland, Denise Monroe, Amber Sytsma, Katie Scearce, Tracy Johnson. Back Row: Pam Frazier, Jessica Milby, Elisabeth Hoernig, Rebecca Wyrostek, Amanda Gancarz, Beth McBride, Stephanie Wahlberg, Elizabeth Camp, Sarah Hein, Morgan Vlassopoulos, Jessica Nowak.

Treble Choir

Front Row: Erin Shanley, April Henderlong, Nikki Buczek, Celina Rivera, Christa Angelov, Sarah Archer. Second Row: Lauren Miller, Emilie Etter, Hannah Petyko, Andrea Stam, Jill Schiesser, Jodi McFadden, Jocelyn Ivey. Third Row: Katie Braggs, Julie Steinberg, Tasha Beauchamp, Melissa Boone, Mimi Steiger, Kelli Morgan. Fourth Row: Erica Krick, Andrea Jacobs, Becky Guenther, Lindsay Valentino, Erin Andershock, Susan Ilgin. Back Row: Melissa Booker, Nicole Kuehl, Heather Diehl, Kendra Japchinski, Nicole Lincoln. Not pictured: Tracey Farnsworth, Ashleigh Robbins, Kera Boog.

In The Files

Activities

Fall, Holiday Concerts and Spring Sing
All City Choral Festival
IMEA Conference
ISSMA Competition

Quote

"I found this huge addiction to the way our confidence sounded. Every once and a while I would drop back and just listen and I found myself in awe."
-April Henderlong (12)

Mixed Choir

In The Files

Quote

"I enjoyed learning all different kinds of music and having a lot of friends in one class. I'll always remember the funniest thing that happened in class, when some of the guys dressed up in green spandex and sang the men in tights song from the movie, *Robin Hood Men in Tights*."
-Laura Buchelt (10)

Front Row: Lisa Knoff, Shelley Patterson, Celia Gura, Katie Adams, Jeannie Frankovich, Brittany Brumbaugh, Kathleen Shaw, Katie Brehmer, Janet Monstwillo, Katie VanSessen. Second Row: Emily Rashin, Jenny Hughes, Amber Jansson, Lauren Corradin, Briege Buckley, Elizabeth Camp, Laura Maurer, Jamie Kooi, Stephanie Gursky, Kristen Zych, Ray Derrickson. Third Row: Nicole Abshire, Courtney Postlethwait, Amanda Endris, Kara Wotherspoon, Shawn Morrissey, Laura Buchelt, Stacy Kwilas, Kelly McMahon, Aimee Pancini, Jenelle Brosius, Melissa Baumgardner. Back Row: Kyle Sparrow, Rachel Kubacki, Christina Torres, Kara Mislan, Steven Schelfo, Marshall Back, David Parrish, Mike Ferraro, Marc Bonich, Ed Klingberg, Steve Marino, Terrence Wert.

Mixed Choir members, Beth Erickson (10), Collette Ivey (10) and Melissa Burgess (10) practice for the Spring Sing during their class. The girls met during 6th hour. Photo by Erin Kirk

Choirs Perform in Perfect Harmony

Treble, Mixed & Freshmen Girls' Choir

A beautiful sound was heard nearly every day coming from the choir room. Daily classes and extracurricular activities came together to form the choir department. One of the choirs that formed the department was the Treble Choir, also known as the Advanced Women's Choir. This choir was a part of the curriculum, which meant that the members were graded on their participation and knowledge of music.

Freshmen Girls' Choir was another of these choirs. As the name implies, the entire choir was made up of freshmen girls. This choir was one of the various choirs that was not an extracurricular activity, but a curriculum class. Member Kim Stegall (9) said, "We did really fun things together, and it was a class where I could relax and just do what I enjoyed, singing."

Mixed Choir included both males and females and involved student in and away from school. They practiced and learned about their music during class. The members then came together to form the intricate harmonies that only a mixture of males and females could produce.

Choir member Kelli Morgan (11) said, "I enjoyed the numerous friendships I made through choir along with the different places we performed at."-**Katie Reid**

In perfect unison, Allison Madajczyk (9) and Melissa Casteel (9) practice during fourth hour Freshmen Girls' Choir. The girls did a '70s medley at the Spring Sing and dressed for the period with bell bottoms. Photo by Erin Kirk

While rehearsing for the Spring Sing, choir members Nicki Garza (9), Ashley Systma (9) and Amanda Emrick (9) participate in voice testing. The girls had to sing for Mrs. Joanne Borodine (director). Photo by Erin Kirk

Treble Choir members Tasha Beauchamp (11) and Erica Krick (11) perform as an duet during class. Krick said, "Choir was a great chance to make new friends and have fun everyday." Photo by R. Overbeeke

With Mixed Choir, Dave Davison (10), Adam Link (11), Dan Thornberry (12), Mike Salazar (11), Aaron Muir (12), Mark Baumgardner (10), and Don Stamm (9) perform. The Mixed Choir was the vocal blend of both males and females. Photo by Mary Beth Miller.

Ashley Bush (11), as Reno Sweeney, sings "I Get a Kick Out of You." Reno's dancers included Dustin Henderlong, (11), Paul Fleming (11), Robby Schrum (11), and Mike Salazar (11). Photo by John Bir

Thespians

Thespians Create Magic on Stage

The music started, the curtain opened, and the lights came up, revealing a completely different world to the audience. What the audience didn't see was the effort that those who played the music, made the sets, opened the curtain, and worked the lights contributed. The actors, directors, backstage crews, and pit all created the illusion of an invisible rabbit named Harvey and a ship called the S.S. American.

Acting itself contained much inspiration for Thespians. However, the subject of the fall play, an invisible rabbit named Harvey, provided more than enough magic, imagination, and inspiration to make the show possible according to the cast members. "We all have a friend like Harvey. We all have something, whether a dream, a goal, or an idea that we can't see, but that we believe in," said actor Sara Flores (12), who played Myrtle Mae Simmons.

During the spring musical, *Anything Goes*, Thespians not only had to put themselves in the setting of the 1920's, but they also had to add humorous dialogue, numerous costume changes, challenging songs and choreography, that included a tap number. After the final curtain, stage manager Chris Aiello felt it was all worth the labor. "It was a lot of hard work for all of us, but it was very rewarding to see the final product," he said.

-Ashley Rhodes

Unsure if he should subscribe to a magazine offer, Isaiah Sumner (12) consults his imaginary friend, Harvey. As Elwood Dowd, Sumner was considered mentally ill by many because he swore he saw an invisible rabbit. Photo by John Bir

Hard at work, crew member Katie Adams (11) helps to build the jail for the spring musical. The jail and the deck of the large cruise liner were the two main set pieces built and brought to life by the set crew. Photo by Melissa Manola

Entering the room from her coming out party to answer the phone, Sara Flores (12) as Myrtle Mae Simmons runs into the maid, played by Angie Tsikouris (9). In "Harvey," as shown in this scene, the two displayed a constant dislike for one another. Photo by Melissa Manola

Lighting Designer and Supervisor, Rob Stegall (12), programs the light board for a performance of "Anything Goes." The lights were reprogrammed before every show because of the constantly changing light and design setup. Photo by Melissa Manola

Thespians

Front Row: Beth Yuraitis, Ashley Bush. Second Row: Andy Wirtz, Lindsay Ciochina, Heather Burke, Christine Parry, Paul Fleming. Third Row: Sara Flores, Melissa Stinson, Anna Jessen, Brittany Brumbaugh, Lauren Griffith. Fourth Row: Mr. Kit Degenhart, Katie Adams, Chris Aiello, Lauren Erickson, Rob Stegall. Back Row: Ryan Fleming, Isaiah Sumner, Robby Schrum. Not pictured: Brian Andrews, Diana Crooks.

In The Files

Presidents

Lauren Griffith (12)

Isaiah Sumner (12)

Quotes

"I enjoyed being a Thespian because I could be around people that loved the theater as much as I did."

-Christine Parry (12)

"Being a Thespian was fun because we were connected by a love for theater."

-Brittany Brumbaugh (12)

Concert Band

In The Files

Quotes

"Being in band was filled with fun and achievements. It was an honor to work with such a fine group."

-Andy Wirtz (10)

"Although at times it was a struggle to keep everyone concentrating, it was a lot of fun when we actually came together and played like we knew we could at ISSMA." -Adam Eich (11)

Front Row: Laura Fredericks, Melissa Baumgardner, Katie Adams, Celia Gura, Jill Appel, Erin Nault, Chrissy Iliff, Alexis Charizopoulos, Sarah Vickers, Emily James. Second Row: Meredith Swan, Laura Andreoli, Jeanette Nault, Garret Willis, Rachel Smith, Lakea Harvey, Joy Longfellow, Kat Burke, Nathan Sajdera, Kevin Devine, Russ St. Myers, Kelly Gross. Third Row: Tom Lewis, Seth Bostian, Phil Kendall, Kelly Fowler, Beth Erickson, Andrew Wirtz, Sarah Pyle, Shanna Schmeltz, Bryan Martin, Nick Kristoff, Beth Sabato, Leslee Zona, Kandie Eich. Fourth Row: Adam Eich, Luke Brislain, Jeremy Nemeth, Derek Thornberry, Pat Nolan, Justin Cooley, Trey Williams, Steve Hamilton, Liz Lewis, Marissa Wheeler, Kiki Eich, Sarah Podkul. Back Row: Kevin LaDuke, Kelly Miller, Nolan Szzimagan, Wesley Willis, Niko Nyenhuis, Aaron Wirtz, Jeff Steen, Dave Huber, Bryan Kowert, Kent Davis, Mark Baumgardner.

Freshman Band

Front Row: Corlene Mauger, Sarah Shebish, Michelle Retson, Meredith Bradford, Ashley Amodeo, Stephanie Hardman, Katie Messing. Second Row: Nikki Lee, Sarah Blow, Stephanie Dennis, Caitlin Lincourt, Jacob Sumner, Matt Maloney, Matt Eaton, Leea Yelich, Giulia Vicari, Angela Iedesco, Nick Friedman, Andy Balicki, Chris Bane, Laura Feder, Megan Mulholland, Kristen Gikas, Robin White, Jennifer Teske, Sabrina Morgan, Jeff Beck, Andy Taylor. Third Row: Mark Cooper, Justin Bell, Amanda Ashley, Stephanie Meyers, Brianna Wirtz, Aaron Faulstich, Brenton Harris, Steve Somers, Kelly Underwood, Christine Burns, Lauren Rhodes. Back Row: Marc Bonich, Nicole Smoljan, Jill Maynard, Matt Wise, Brandon Barr, Josh Damjanovic, Nick Golumbeck, Pat Hunt, Amber West, Elizabeth Hoernig, Christine Peterson, Brian Maxwell.

In The Files

Quotes

"Freshman Band was fun because I could play some of my favorite songs on my instrument." -Marc Bonich (9)

"Band was so fun! People called us 'band fags,' but they didn't realize how much fun we were having and what a great experience it was."

-Michelle Retson (9)

Marching Band Symphonic Band Colorguard

In The Files

Captains

Brianne Booth
Erica Massey
Natalie Johnson

Coach

Jennifer "Zubie" Zurbriggen

Fundraisers

Wreath Sales
Candy Sales

Front Row: Sue Ellen Rodriquez, Mandy Emerick, Brianne Booth, Erica Massey, Megan Makarek, Lauren Griffith, Julia Hamilton, Emilie Etter, Amy Unwin. Second Row: Tiffany Emerick, Megan Langel, Nikki Lee, Melissa Burgess, Meredith Bradford, Carissa Klingberg, Melissa Seneczko. Third Row: Alexis Charizopoulos, Natalie Johnson, Jeannie Frankovich, Sarah Podkul, Jessica Babich, Kelly Gross, Celia Gura. Back Row: Katie Braggs, Emily Tromp, Beth Erickson, Alea Hooks, Jodi McFadden, Stephanie Meyers, Laura Andreoli, Karen Haley.

Front Row: Jeff Lambert, Joe Gerischer, Chris Horst, Isaiah Summer, Scott Elder, Peter Hagerman, Robby Schrum, Cory Driver, Eric Spindler, Paul Fleming. Second Row: Kristen Pavlovich, Lindsey Cochran, Nick Dimos, Theresa Fredericks, Kiki Johnson, Deanna Likens, Katie Metros, Anna Jessen. Third Row: Brooke Graczyk, Emily Schramm, Julia Hamilton, Blythe Hamilton, Lauren Griffith, Peter Johnson, Merv Barone, Brian Retson, Brittany Brumbaugh, Rhiannon Amodeo, Jill Bradford. Fourth Row: Eryn Meckel, Chris Watts, Katie Wusik, Susan Hrapczak, Karissa Geyer, Brianna Booth, Kristen Shimda, Annette Andre, Amy Eccles, Melissa Stanson, Tim Ferck, Elissa Bickell, Nicole Frost, Justin Whitesell, Fifth Row: Craig Bonaccorso, Alex Keeney, Debbie Modrowski, Emily Tromp, Jill Bullard, Katie VanSessen, Sarah Lankford, Liz Beermeterbur, Laura Maurer, Collette Ivey, Kelly Sankowski, Katie Hays, Amy Marsh, Jenny Barr, Julie Stromberg, Black Row: Jason Dassler, Kyle Klobucar, Matt Boyd, Adam Kerr, Jeremy Kraz, Erin Andershock, Elizabeth Boehan, Peter Bessette, Lauren Erickson, John Dickelmann, John Horst, Brian Giacomo, Kassie Miller, Chris Dumjanovic, Dustin Henderlong.

In The Files

Section Leaders

Peter Hagerman- Trumpet
Rhiannon Amodeo- Clarinet
Deanna Likens- Flute
Kiki Johnson- Woodwinds
Blythe Hamilton- Percussion

Awards

Superior Rankings for 10 years in ISSMA

In The Files

Show Name

Y2K: Total Annihilation

Drum Majors

Isaiah Sumner
Deanna Likens
Anna Jessen
Brian Retson

Awards

First Place in Field Show

Front Row: Nikki Lee, Alexis Aiello, Sarah Sheboth, Alexis Charizopoulos, Emilie Etter, Megan Makarek, Alea Hooks, Lauren Griffith, Julia Hamilton, Erica Massey, Brianne Booth, Natalie Johnson, Karen Haley, Megan Plants, Carissa Klingberg, Celia Gura, Jeannie Frankovich, Megan Langel, Tiffany Emrick, Sue Ellen Rodriquez, Mandy Emrick. Second Row: Nassema Mohammed, Jenny Barr, Amy Marsh, Jenette Nault, Collette Ivey, Emily James, Sabrina Morgan, Merv Barone, Giulia Vicari, Justin Bell, Mrs. Peggy Shaffer, Sarah Vickers, Caitlin Lancourt, Christina Biff, Sara Blow, Corinne Mauger, Eric Nault, Elissa Bickel, Katie Massing, Michelle Retson. Row Three: Matt Eaton, Andy Buleki, Kiki Johnson, Morgan Vlassopoulos, Theresa Fredericks, Melissa Stanson, Annette Andre, Nick Dimos, Mike Ferraro, Pete Johnson, Isaiah Summer, Deanna Likens, Anna Jessen, Brian Retson, Jacob Sumner, Garret Willis, Amber Bizzarro, Megan Mullholland, Brianna Watts, Nick Freedman, Angela Tedesco, Stephanie Hardman, Stephanie Dennis, Rachel Smith. Fourth Row: Sarah Podkul, Melissa Burgess, Jill Appel, Tim Ferck, Peter Bessette, Ryan Klobucar, Nathan Evans, Kippy Burdett, Jill Bradford, Rhiannon Amodeo, Dustin Henderlong, Blythe Hamilton, Katie Wusik, Peter Hagerman, Jenny Maynard, Katie Metros, Emily Schramm, Brittany Brumbaugh, Brooke Graczyk, Nick Golumbeck, Meredith Bradford, Kelly Gross. Fifth Row: Gabrielle Frace, Jodi McFadden, Brenton Harris, Luke Brisbin, Josh Dumjanovic, Colleen Cash, Laura Feder, Candace Eich, Katie Hughes, Melissa Baumgardner, Justin Whitesell, Marissa Wheeler, Kiki Eich, Pat Hurt, Jeremy Kraz, Elizabeth Boehan, Erin Andershock, Kathe Adams, Kathe VanSessen, Melissa Seneczko, Jill Bullard. Sixth Row: Lara Knopf, Maritza Mata, Aaron Faulstich, Bryan Martin, Bryan Kowert, Jeff Lambert, John Dickelman, Brian Giacomo, Cassie Miller, Amber West, Debbie Modrowski, Kristen Shimda, Liz Beermeterbur, Adam Kerr, Derek Vaupel, Eric Spindler, Scott Elder, Elizabeth Hoerning, Leslee Zona, Stephanie Meyers, Katie Braggs. Back Row: Beth Erickson, Amy Unwin, Mark Baumgardner, John Horst, Alex Keeny, Craig Bonaccorso, Dave Huber, Trey Williams, Andy Wertz, Aaron Wertz, Adam Romanack, Curtis Schneider, Kyle Klobucar, Adam Eich, Jason Dassler, Nelson Szalmasag, Matt Boyd, Cory Driver, Jessica Babich, Emily Tromp.

Marching to the beat of the drum, Aaron Faulstich (9) plays the bass drum for the marching band. Faulstich was also in the freshman band where he played the saxophone. Photo by Lauren Griffith

Royal Regiment Earns Grand Championships

Marching Band & Colorguard

As a hot summer day began, the faint sounds of a deep drum could be heard around the square. Yes, Royal Regiment had begun its practice for the 4th of July parade.

In the fall, the group was busy traveling around the state competing for awards and performing at football games. Both band and colorguard had adjustments to make since a new colorguard choreographer, Carrie Hopes, joined the group. "I think Carrie did an excellent job coming into a program that was already pretty developed," said co-captain Erica Massey (12). The new coach did not slow them down at all. The colorguard and band performed well enough at District competition in October to earn the right to compete at Regionals.

In December, the group traveled to Tampa, Florida and collected top honors in all aspects of competition. It won first place in its class for concert band and field show. Overall, it earned Grand Champion trophies for each. On New Year's Eve, the members performed in a parade and won the honor of performing at the pre-game show during the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day. Natalie Johnson (11) said, "When we were at the Outback Bowl, we put our whole heart and soul into the last performance." Patrick Hunt (9) said, "Joining marching band was the best thing I ever did. I met a lot of new people, and made many close friends." **-Erin Kirk**

During the halftime show at the Homecoming game, color guard members Megan Makarak (12) and Lauren Griffith (12) dance. Royal Regiment earned several 1st place awards for its field show. Photo by Dan Hauft

To keep the band in step, Kassie Miller (12), Brian Giacomin (11), John Diekelmann (10) and Josh Damjanovic (9) beat their drums. Royal Regiment performed *Y2K: Total Annihilation.* Photo by Leslie Huelat

Playing the piccolo for the marching band, Emily Schramm (11) marches at the New Year's Eve Parade in Tampa, Florida. Royal Regiment performed the Sousa March at the parade and then attended an awards ceremony at the Tampa convention center. Photo by Lauren Griffith

Performing at the Outback Bowl, the marching band and color guard line up on the field for the half time show. The team went home as Grand Champion in field show and concert band. Photo by Angela Heinzman

At a home basketball game, Kiki Johnson (12) plays the victory song. In addition to pep band, Johnson also played in the orchestra pit for four years of musicals. Photo by John Bir

Pep, Jazz & Symphonic Band

Practice, Effort Create Triumph

The buzzer sounded and the teams huddled up for a time-out. The crowd started to get restless, and then a sudden burst of music from the pep band pumped up their spirits for the upcoming quarter.

The Pep Band played a vital role in almost every basketball game and pep rally. Practices were held before each performance. To become a member of pep band students had to be able to "play an instrument and cheer on the team," said Ms. Peggy Schaffer (director).

Another extracurricular type of band was the Jazz Band which performed at concerts and contests. Students auditioned to become a member by playing a piece of music that they were given when they arrived at tryouts. The members practiced twice a week for an hour and a half and also during their own free time.

Symphonic band, concert band, and freshmen band were taken during an actual class period. Symphonic band members were required to play all twelve major scales in under two minutes and have a positive work ethic. Nicholas Dimos (11) said, "The music we played during symphonic band challenged everyone, but we all worked really hard and our songs had a touch of magic to them." All aspects of band took much time and effort from the members. **-Alison Ruess**

Warming up before the Spring Concert, Cory Driver (11) practices his part on the drums. Driver won the Louis Armstrong award for outstanding jazz performance during his sophomore year. Photo by R. Overbeeke

Attempting to increase the school spirit of the crowd, Peter Hagerman (12) plays his trumpet during a break in the basketball game. As a four-year member of band, Hagerman was invited to attend Rotary luncheons to share his experiences. Photo by John Bir

Gripping his trombone, Robby Schrum (11) concentrates on hitting the correct note. Schrum said, "I have worked hard to develop my playing. The biggest improvement for me has probably been in my leadership, a skill that has probably developed with age." Photo by John Bir

Along with members of the jazz band, Merv Barenie (10) performs at a school teaser for the Holiday Concert. As the third trumpet player in his immediate family, Barenie was introduced to music at a young age. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Chamber Orchestra

First Row: Natalie Johnsen, Meredith Bradford, Erin Crowely, Ryan Sandbach. Second Row: Giulia Vicari, Karen Haley, Renee Rysiewicz, Mr. James Deal. Back Row: Bethany Ketcher, Josh Damjanovic, Rob Stegall, Andy Wirtz. Not Pictured: John Mullen

In The Files

ISSMA

Superior Rating

Quote

"Chamber Orchestra was an outstanding group of kids and they were fun to make music with." -Mr. James Deal (director)

"My talent grew because we were able to work with the group. We have learned to listen and fix our problems." -Bethany Ketcher (11)

Pep Band

In The Files

Officers

President- Peter Hagerman (12)

Vice President- Robby Schrum (11)

Secretary- Cory Driver (11)

Treasurer- Aaron Wirtz (10)

Quote

"We have the best pep band around, and the basketball players know it, so that makes it a lot more fun!" -Brooke Graczyk (11)

First Row: Jason Daseler, Joe Gerischer, Robby Schrum, Peter Hagerman, Cory Driver, Aaron Wirtz, Andy Wirtz, Emily Schramm. Second Row: Isaiah Sumner, Eric Spindler, Katie Adams, Celia Gura, Erin Andershock, Karen Haley, Sarah Shebish, Caitlin Lincourt, Corinne Manger, Katie Messing, Alexis Charizoppoulos. Third Row: Mark Baumgardener, Jeff Lambert, Sabrina Morgan, Meredith Swan, Deanna Likens, Kiki Johnson, Patrick Hunt, Michelle Retson, Nick Friedman, Justin Bell, Matt Maloney, Jacob Sumner, Matt Easton, Amber Baczvis, Craig Bonaccorsi, Matt Boyd. Fourth Row: John Horst, Giulia Vicari, Merv Barenie, Nikki Lee, Chrissy Iliff, Stephanie Dennis, Emily James, Collette Ivey, Kelly Sankowski, Natalie Johnsen, Theresa Fredericks, Anna Jessen, Megan Mulholland, Lauren Erickson. Fifth Row: Kristen Shimala, Amy Enslen, Rachel Smith, Katie Braggs, Luke Brislain, Peter Bessette, Bryan Martin, Stephanie Meyers, Brianna Wirtz, Jeff Beck, Adam Kerr, Kyle Klobucar, Adam Eich, Dave Huber. Back Row: Mike Ferraro, Josh Damjanovic, John Diekelmann, Jim Walsh, Amber West, Elesabeth Hoerning, Christine Peterson, Katie Huys, Melissa Baumgardener, Colleen Cash, Trey Williams, Debbie Modrowski, Nolan Szalmasagi, Paul Fleming.

Jazz Band

First Row: Kiki Johnson, Andy Balicki, Josh Damjanovic, Lindsey Ciochina, Nick Dimos, Katie Braggs, Peter Bessette. Second Row: Brian Retson, Jeff Lambert, Jim Walsh, Karissa Guyer, Chris Horst, Eric Spindler. Back Row: Isaiah Sumner, Peter Hagerman, Robby Schrum, Andy Wirtz, Paul Fleming, Aaron Wirtz, Merv Barenie.

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Purdue Jazz Festival Recognitions

Brian Retson (12)

Paul Fleming (11)

Peter Hagerman (12)

ISSMA

Two First Places in the 1st Division

Quote

"Jazz band had several opportunities for public performances, and that was the best part." -Brian Retson (12)

Winds & Percussion Advanced Strings Beginning Strings

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Quotes

"It was exciting yet strange at the same time to be in orchestra."
- Josh Damjanovic (9)

"Orchestra in high school was totally different than orchestra in middle school. Many interesting things happened throughout the year."
-Giulia Vicari (9)

Front Row: Kim Stegall, Elizabeth Camp, Gabrielle Fraire, Daya Pillai. Second Row: Meredith Bradford, Lois Cross, Tanya Ivey, Alice Wildes. Third Row: Reanna Borchert, Cindy Grant, Sarah Carr, Ryan Sandbach, Ben Williams. Fourth Row: Renee Rysiewicz, Giulia Vicari, Tron Bacavis, Mike Ferraro, Dan Ellch. Back Row: Mr. Jim Deal, Grant Springman, Kyle Robbins, Josh Damjanovic, Max Roberts.

Front Row: Natalie Johnsen, Melissa Burgess, Amanda Ketcher, Christina Leyva, Tatiana Bertram, Erin Crowley, Meredith Swan, Bethany Ketcher, Joy Longfellow. Second Row: Karen Haley, Meagan Plants, Lisa Remlinger, Courtney Bonhivert, Adam Link, Ryan Abella, Janelle Breaux, Jill Palency, Jen Symmes, Kim Sykes. Third Row: Kristen Frost, Rick Sauterman, Megan Lungel, Jessica Knight, Kristine Rasmussen, Peter Parker, Ellen Sotiovaris, Brent Brown, James Larson, LeeAnn Yoder. Fourth Row: Andy Wirtz, Mr. Jim Deal, Peter Hagerman, Kathleeen Lambert, Kelly Klavas, Mike Ellch, Natalie Nix, Danielle Schott, Andrea Tournis, Rob Stegall, Kelly Faulstich. Back Row: Katie Braggs, Quinn Witham, Kyung Min, Shawn Kovacic, Mike Stanek, Conrad Harris, Chris Damjanovic, Travis Smith, James Hetfield, John Mullen, Ryan Allen.

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Quotes

"I wish we had more of a passion for music. We did not take it as seriously as we should have, which made it harder for us to be our best."
-Meagan Plants (11)

"Orchestra was an awesome experience that will affect me for the rest of my life." -Natalie Johnsen (11)

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Quote

"In my four years of high school orchestra has been a trip. Playing with my friends and getting a first place rating at ISSMA is one of the greatest feelings I have ever had. Orchestra has made me a better student as well as a better person. It also made me feel special because I knew I had a talent that not a lot of people shared." -Michael Zunica (12)

Front Row: Michelle Retson, Cory Driver, Peter Hagerman, Robby Schrum, Rhiannon Amodeo, Jill Bradford. Second Row: Andrea Hardman, Deanna Likens, Katie VanSessen, Kelly Sankowski, Leea Yelich, Megan Mulholland, Mr. Jim Deal. Third Row: Debbie Modrowski, Emily Schramm, Merv Barenie, Ashley Amodeo, Brooke Graczyk, Elizabeth Bostian. Back Row: Craig Bonaccorsi, Seth Bostian, Peter Bessette, Karissa Guyer, John Diekelmann, Blythe Hamilton.

Bass players Rachel Lewis (10), Ryan Allen (10), Jeremy Williams (12), and John Sandbach (12) practice for the spring concert. Orchestra met 4th hour every day. Photo by R. Overbeeke

Musicians' Hard Work Pays Off at ISSMA

Orchestra

Just like any other activity, if a person wants to be good at something, he or she must spend countless hours practicing. The orchestra students did just that.

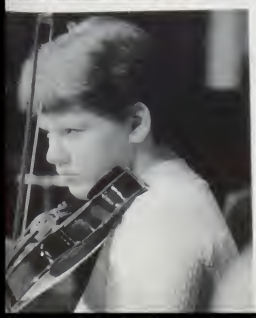
The orchestra, conducted by Mr. Jim Deal, not only provided entertainment at the annual fall and winter concerts, but a select group of students also contributed to the music for the spring musical "Anything Goes". Practices for the musical sometimes lasted from after school until eleven o'clock at night. Deanna Likens (11) said, "We were all extremely tired during the musical because of the late night rehearsals, but once we were finally finished, it was all worth it."

Going to competitions and traveling to various schools to perform were just a couple of events the orchestra was involved with. The orchestra received a first place rating at ISSMA, a contest that was held every year. They also traveled to the local elementary schools to perform for the children and encourage them to join orchestra.

The hard work and dedication that was put into their music was definitely worth it in the end. Mike Zunica (12) said, "It was a good feeling to see Mr. Deal's face after one of our concerts. It was great knowing how proud he was of us and knowing almost everyone enjoyed and appreciated our hard work." **-Wendy Splitgerber**

Shawn Kovacic (11) and Mike Zunica (12) play during the holiday concert held in the auditorium. Along with both choir and band, the orchestra performed a variety of seasonal music. Photo by Mary Beth Miller

Mr. Jim Deal (director) gives out instructions over the music during a rehearsal for the holiday concert. This past year was Mr. Deal's twenty-fifth year as conductor of the orchestra. Photo by John Bir



While practicing her violin, Lois Cross (9) concentrates on the piece of music. Cross was second chair violin, and she hoped to continue playing. She also planned to participate in other musical activities. Photo John Bir

Performing at a concert, bass players and Mike Ferraro (9) and Max Roberts (9) try to entertain the audience. The two were in beginning strings and planned on participating in advanced strings. Photo by John Bir

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE HOMECOMING MOMENT?

"My favorite part of homecoming was the whole *Wizard of Oz* theme at the dance. I also enjoyed the days when we were allowed to dress up for that entire week."

∘Tia Karagianidis (9)∘

∘Erin Shanley (11)∘

"My favorite part of Homecoming was all of the school spirit inspired by Spirit Week, and the hype of the game. All in all, I thought Homecoming was strange."

∘Scott Elder (12)∘

∘Ryan Simko (10) & Heidi Schere ∘

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO THE OPPOSITE SEX?

"First of all I looked for a person who was nice. That was what drew me to that person. After I got past their looks, I searched for someone with a good personality. Being trustworthy was also a good virtue to have, to catch my heart. It helped me to open up."

◦Jacob Sumner (9)◦

◦Doug Vaughan (10) & Katie [illegible]◦

"For me to notice a guy he had to be sweet and kind. I also liked guys who were really buff. A good looking guy could also grab my attention. I was looking for someone who loved me and was not afraid to show it!"

◦Alexis Evans (12)◦

◦Chris Watts (12) & Eryn Meshel (11)◦

DID YOU FEAR Y2K?

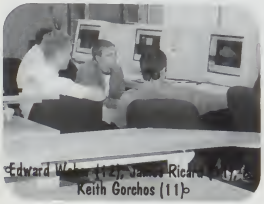
"No, many people said that nothing would go wrong. I trusted their opinions. Other people, on the other hand, thought we would have big problems like the power going out and all the computers would mess up or not even work on January 1, 2000."

∘Emily Corbin (9)∘

∘Crystal Sidwell (9)∘

"No, because I had to research the chances of something going wrong in my internet class for my junior year. I found out that all of the electricity had been checked over and over for the past four years. The power may go out for like ten minutes, but that's no big deal."

∘Tiffany Noel (12)∘



Edward [illegible] Richard [illegible]
Keith Gorchos (11)

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SPORT? WHY?

"Football was my favorite sport because it was rough. It was also a full-contact sport which made it fun to watch. The games were really interesting and full of action. I enjoyed watching all of the Chicago sports teams except the Bears."

∘Joe Catlow (12)∘

∘Girls JV Basketball Team∘

"Football! Football was my favorite because of all the contact involved. I also loved the team effort. Everyone put all of their effort and concentration into winning the game. That was what made it all worth while."

∘Keith Williams (10)∘

∘ Carley Link (10) ∘

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY DOING ON THE WEEKENDS?

"Being spontaneous on the weekends was the best. I liked to be able to say in five minutes 'we are going to the mall or to the movies,' then actually go out and do it. It gave you a rush. It was great!"

∘ Dala Duffala (11) ∘

∘Kelly Sankowski (10) & Colette Ivey (11)∘

"I liked going out with my friends from elementary school. It was great being able to stay so close for all of those years. It was really important for me to stay in touch with all of them."

∘Kenneth Easton (10)∘

∘ Mrs. Cuffia's Senior World Lit. Class ∘

CPHS STUDENT COUNCIL SENIORS

Front Row: Kathleen Lambert, Megan Makarek, Julia Hamilton, Blythe Hamilton, Jaime Staniszeski; Second Row : Beth Yuraitis, Danielle Peregrine, Audrey Metros, Lacey Norris, Leslie Huelat, Heather Mann; Third Row: Rachael Schaafsma, Jen Tortolano, Allyson Carnahan, Kelly Lemon, Katie Hein; Fourth Row : Sarah Steiger, Alison Vetter, Katie Lemke, Jessica Nance, Brittany Brumbaugh; Fifth Row: Brian Andrews, David Meyers, Jeremy Williams; Not Pictured Kelly Andrews.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2000!

Tom,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments, and we wish you & the class of 2000 continued success!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
& Tracey

Good Luck Dan!

May all your dreams come true!!

Love
Mom, Dad,
Mike, and Kim

WHAT DID YOU REMEMBER MOST ABOUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

"I remembered the first day of kindergarden. It was the day when I met my best friend. I was wearing a green dress and I asked her if she would play with me in the kitchen. She accepted my invitation. We have been friends ever since that day."

∘ Lauren Hack (10) ∘

∘ Natalie Nix (11) ∘

"I was in first grade and my teacher let me take the class butterflies home for a week. I decided to let them go in the courtyard. When I opened the jar they flew away. Except one of them came back and landed on my knee. I still have the picture of it when it happened."

∘ Andrea Horst (12) ∘

Marc Staples
"Tiny Mr. Indiana 1985"
Third Runner-Up

Dearest Marc,
You've made us very proud!
Love, Mom & Dad
Son,
"You've Only Just Begun"

Good Luck to our "Future Lawyer" of the NEW MILLENNIUM! We love you! Mom, Dad, and Stefanie

Jeff,

∘ Jen Jansen (11) & Laura Nowak (12) ∘

WHAT WERE YOUR STUDY HABITS?

"I usually studied the day before and the day of a test. It helped me to remember the material. Sure it was stressful trying to go over everything that we had done prior to the test, but it was only a review of what we had learned."

°Heather Fied (9)°

°Robert Myers (12)°

"I studied right before my tests. I usually didn't have the time or the will to study so I waited till the last minute possible. On the other hand, for my final exams I studied at least a week in advance. They were my most important tests."

°Allison Southard (10)°

° Mary Beth Miller (12)°

Ryan Abella Rhiannon Amodeo Annette Andre Brian Andrews Matthew Arroyo Laura Barkalow Craig Bonaccorsi
Scott Mason Erica Massey Kassie Miller Kyung Min Debbie Modrowski Janet Monstwillo Shawn Morrissey
Amy Unwin Derek Vaupel Morgan Vlassopoulos Lauren Voyles Terry Wert Marisa Wheeler
Megan Makarek

Briane Booth Elizabeth Bostian Katie Brehmer Brittany Brumbaugh Nicole Buczek Emily Dewes Leslie DeYoung Kiki Eich Scott Elder
Aaron Muir John Mullen Lacey Norris Jeanette Nault Seth Norwalk Kim Olszowski Christine Parry Shelley Patterson

Julia Hamilton Blythe Hamilton Sarah Hein April Henderlong Kendra Japchinski Katherine Johnson Peter Johnson Kim Lamuka
Tiffany Skekloff Kyle Sparrow Eric Spindler Rob Stegall Melissa Stinson Isaiah Sumner Daniel Thornberry Derek Thornberry

Thanks for the MUSIC

Congratulations to the Graduating Senior Class of 2000!

We wish you the best of luck
&
may the music always be with you.

from the Music Boosters

Jeremy Williams Aaron Wirtz Katie Wusik Leeanna Yoder Beth Yuraitis Mike Zunica
Brian Retson Celina Rivera Sue Ellen Rodriquez Nicole Ruehl John Sandbach Kristen Shimala
Mandy Emrick Emilie Etter Kelly Faulstich Tim Fercik Sara Flores Theresa Fredericks Lauren Griffith Peter Hagerman

Danielle,
No matter where your future takes you, you'll always be our baby.

Love Mom & Dad

Tina,

For the greatest gift of life we could ask no more than to have a daughter as wonderful as you.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

"When I was younger I used to love going on family vacations. They were always really fun. We went to places like the Grand Canyon and Mount Rushmore. My favorite family vacation was when I went to see my grandparents in Arizona."
◦Jessica Kelsey (10)◦


◦Karen Haley (11), Sarah Steiger (12), & Isaiah Sumner (12)◦

"The only thing that mattered to me as a child was having fun. I liked playing sports with all of my friends. When you are younger there is less pressure. It did not matter if you won or lost. It was the fact that you enjoyed yourself."
◦Steve Marino (9)◦


◦Kara Gora (10)◦

WHAT WAS YOUR IDEA OF A FRIEND?

"To me a friend should have been someone who listened to your problems and comforted your pains. They were there for you in good and bad times. Friends were the richest things you could have in your life."
∘Emily Dewes (12)∘

∘Amber Walters (11) & Dustin Henderson (11)∘

"My friends were good listeners and they had great personalities. They were also really talkative. The best part of my friends? They were always there for me when I needed them. That was always really important!"
∘Billy Wilson (10)∘

∘ Jeff Tessman (11), Steve Dixon (11), & Dan Hinshaw (11) ∘

Sarah Zondor (11), Erin Plumley (12), Rachel Peyovich (11), Valarie Schweitzer (11)

Erica,

May you continue to find happiness & success in all that you pursue. May the wind be always at your back, and the sun shine warm upon your face as you set out toward the future.

Congratulations!
Love, Mom

Congratulations Jeremy!

We're very proud of all your accomplishments and for being you!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Kevin, & Melanie

Dear Blythe,

There are two bequests we can give our children... one is roots the other is wings.

We are very proud of you!!
Love,
Mom & Dad

TO RYAN

From the day you were born
we dreamed about your life's milestones.
We thought about your first words,
your first steps,
your first touchdown pass,
your first broken heart.
We dreamed about the adventures you would have
and the foundation we would give to you
to make a difference in this world.
We prayed for your happiness and your safety.
We prayed you would find a life's work
that would be meaningful and fulfilling.
We prayed for you to find the love in yourself
to share with your family.
We prayed for laughter and success in all you would do.
We looked proudly into the future
to the day you would graduate from high school
and prepare to make your choices for your own dreams.
Our time together seems to have been cut too short
but we know that your work was not to be chosen by us,
but by God.
You will never be in a shroud of darkness,
but forever in the perpetual lite of God's love.
Your graduation is not ranked by numbers or grades,
but by the highest of all standards.
Our challenge is to let you do your work now.
You are with us and all the angels and saints.
We selfishly miss you because we do not understand.
We wonder what you would look like
and think of all the things you might have done.
But, nothing here on earth is as important
as your eternal life's work in heaven.
It has been said,
"Only the Good Die Young"
and that we believe.

Happy Graduation.

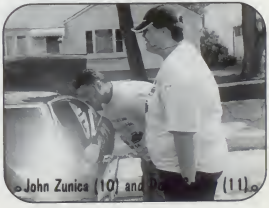
Bud, Mamma Dukes, Dad,
Caitlin, and Cole

IF YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHERE WOULD IT BE?

"If I could go anywhere in the world I would go to Japan. I have always loved the people there. They have interesting traditions and customs that I have been studying for some time. I would love to submerge myself into Japanese society, if only for a short time."
∘Jeremy Kras (11)∘


∘Steve Marzewski (12) & Katie Zelms (12)∘

"I have never been there and I always wanted to go to Hawaii. I wanted to live by the ocean and go boating. I also didn't like cold weather so I thought Hawaii would be the perfect place for me."
∘Mike Kipp (11)∘


∘John Zunica (10) and [illegible] (11)∘

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

"I wanted to be the kind of person who had seen a million things and tried a million more. I wanted to wander through life laughing and loving all the way, and to say I lived my life and never wasted my time on indecision and fear."
∘Elizabeth Bostian (12)∘

∘Dustin Henderlong (11), Nicholas Owens (11), Christina Perry (12), & Robert Zelmer (11)∘

"I wanted to be a physical education teacher. I thought it would be fun, because I liked sports. I thought I could be involved in sports almost all day long in that profession. I also thought I might enjoy working with kids." ∘Jen Schaafsma (10)∘

∘Amanda Bernard (11) & Lindsay Ock (11)∘

Three Generations of Kelseys. All Named Woody! All CPHS Grads!

Alina

Be nice to your siblinga. They are your closest link to your past and the ones most likely to stick by you in the future. And remember, don't forget the sunscreen.

Love You,
Mom & Mark

Among Friends

Kristina Chlebowski (11) aids a customer in trying on tennis shoes at Barney's Hub Bootery.

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Courtney Warren (11) dresses up for character day during Spirit Week. Photo by Leslie Hunlat

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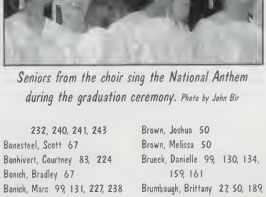

Seniors from the choir sing the National Anthem during the graduation ceremony. Photo by John Bir

Dave Henderson (11) and Justin Strum (12) talk at the Auto Club's car show. Photo by Rose Drozjacki

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Isaiah Sumner gives his salutatorian speech at graduation held at Radisson's Star Plaza. Photo by

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Daniell Peregrine (12) and Dan Quering (12) dress up for Hawiian Day. Photo by R. Overbeeke

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The student band Free Raine performs in the parking lot. Photo by Leslie Huelat

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Michelle Carlson listens attentively to the valadictoirans as they speak during graduation. Photo Photo by John Bir

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Doug Smith (10), Adam LaMere (10), Blake Reynolds (10), and Matt Kavalunes (10) stand around in the hall to talk. Photo by Melissa Marrola

Kia Byrd (12) and Chris Hannifordd (10) have fun together during the art fair. Photo by M. Miller

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1. Brushing of excess glaze, Haley McBurney (11) works on a project in Ceramics. Many projects in the class required a steady hand for intricate detailing. Photo by John Bir

2. [illegible] close [illegible] Paul [illegible]ng [illegible] track of [illegible] rang in fi[illegible] during the Foreign Language Week Quiz B[illegible]. During the week, [illegible] events were held [illegible]ing a per[illegible] by a Cajun ban[illegible] by Dan McLain

3. Taking a break from dancing at prom, Isaiah Sumner (12) nibbles on his girlfriend Karen Haley's (11) nose. Sumner attended the formal dance as a prom king nominee. Photo by John Bir

4. As a Hobart opponent tackles him from behind, Justin Miller (11) fights for control of the ball. Miller was the quarterback on the junior varsity team. Photo by Steve Hogg of Gazette

annoying inconveniences

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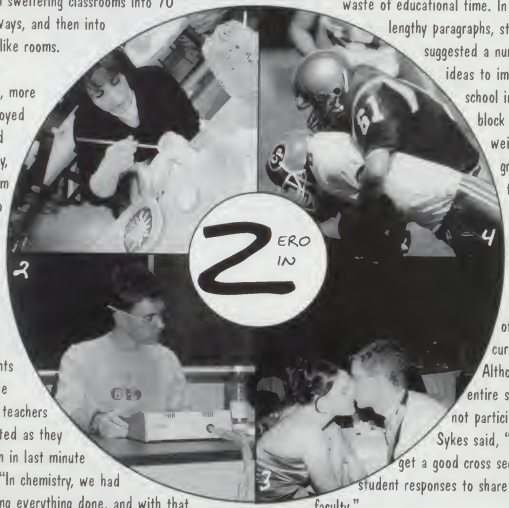
millennium project

Throughout the year, staff and students experienced a few inconveniences. Spring time brought comfortable summer-like temperatures outside, but inside was another story. It was the battle between air conditioners and heaters as uncomfortable students walked from sweltering classrooms into 70 degree hallways, and then into refrigerator-like rooms. Besides the temperature, more mishaps annoyed students and staff. In May, the fire alarm sounded two days in a row as students were forced to evacuate the building. While students welcomed the short break, teachers were frustrated as they tried to cram in last minute curriculum. "In chemistry, we had trouble getting everything done, and with that interruption we had to cram more in than usual," said Liz Schmitz (11). When students were permitted to return to their classrooms, they were greeted with the constant buzzing and flashing of the fire alarm. Principal Hardman announced humidity in the cafeteria triggered the alarm. Inconveniences continued to surround students leading to a need for improvement.



After a climate audit was performed in April of 1998, the millennium project was formed to reflect on the results. Mrs. Diane Sykes (art) designed the project after she felt certain issues should be discussed between teachers and students. The overall purpose of the project was for individuals to brainstorm ways to improve the school. Mrs. Sykes said, "I wanted to see honest dialogue between teachers and students about school problems." In February, the administration presented the project to staff and students, but not all classes took part as some teachers thought it was a waste of educational time. In short to lengthy paragraphs, students suggested a number of ideas to improve the school including block scheduling, weighted grades, and they also commented on the new school and the offered curriculum. Although the entire school did not participate, Mrs. Sykes said, "We did get a good cross section of student responses to share with the faculty."

On March 10, the community celebrated the ground breaking ceremony for the new high school at the new site. A number of speakers which included among others, principal James Hardman, Mayor James Metros, and state representative Robert Kuzman congratulated all those who fought so diligently for the new school. About 500 spectators stood in frigid temperatures and blustering wind to watch the School Board members each grab a shovel and dig into the ground beginning the $68 million project. In his speech to the community, Mr. Hardman said, "This was a great step forward for the entire corporation. The new school will affect the educational structure for the entire community."

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Taking a bow in a smile

With a mischievous grin upon his face, Andy Wirtz (10) listens to his instructor during orchestra. In addition to playing the viola, Wirtz also sang in the concert choir and show choir. Photo by R. Overbeeke

Three strikes, you're out

Putting forth all of his effort, Chad Pruzin (9) throws the ball in hopes of a strike. Pruzin's older brother T.J. (11) was also a pitcher on the varsity team. Photo by John Bir

Diggin' the hard hats

During the Ground Breaking Ceremony, School Board members dig in to begin the project. State representative Robert Kuzman was one of the speakers at the ceremony. Photo by Angela Heinzman

Inspecting the gadgets

Auto shop students Scott Bonesteel (11), Aaron Kunkle (12) and Zarko Stefanoski (12) check the fluids in a Grand Prix. Students in Auto Club organized a car show in May. Photo by Brad Kowert

Be all that you can be

During Red Ribbon Week, Charlie Frasor (12) attempts to control a plane on a flight simulator in a Army trailer. The Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force were often at lunches trying to recruit students into the military. Photo by Melissa Mariola

Demanding a little respect

Rallying in front of the school, Mrs. Paula Barancyk (social studies) holds up a sign demanding a contract. Contract negotiations were finally settled in May. Photo by Trey Williams

Reviewing results in the ring

While coach George Tachtiris (AV./media) looks over shotput results, Jill Jones (12) jokes with Carly Schilling (10). Cold weather did not deter athletes from practicing. Photo by John Bir

Heavenly song and dance

Playing the part of Bonnie in the musical *Anything Goes*, Lindsey Ciochina (11) sings "Heaven Hop." The costume reflected the 1920 flapper era. Photo by John Bir

seniors upset

TEACHERS PICKET FOR CONTRACTS

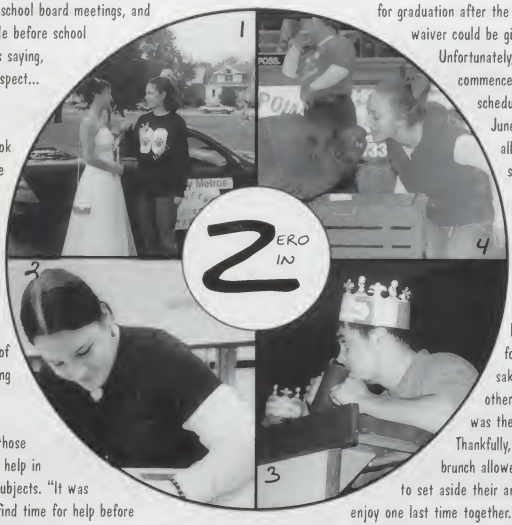
Mr. Malaski's performance

In August, teachers' began to teach despite the fact that no contract settlement had been reached. Spokesman for teacher negotiations, Mr. Michael David (math) said, "We wanted a fair and equitable contract for all teachers and a continuation of rights and benefits previously bargained." As March rolled around with no settlement in sight, teachers rallied around the square, picketed at school board meetings, and stood outside before school holding signs saying, "Give us Respect... Give us a Contract". Students took notice of the situation when they saw teachers wearing yellow stars and ribbons. As a result of teachers being outside, frustration surrounded those who needed help in demanding subjects. "It was difficult to find time for help before school while teachers stood outside," said Katie Kurowski (11). Finally, on May 10 the contract was settled giving teachers a 3 percent salary raise retroactive to August 1999 and a guarantee that their insurance plan would not change without approval from both sides.

Although the teachers' contract situation sent a negative tone throughout the school, Mr. Mike Malaski (English) found a way to end the year on a good note for students. Mr. Malaski and the Agnst Ridden Cowboys along with Sad Hannah and Free Raine performed in the auditorium. Mr. Malaski said, "I did the show because I was able to involve the people I care about the most in the same venue, my students and my family." All proceeds went to support the Athletic Department.

Unlike previous years, seniors were not allowed to be released earlier than underclassmen. Mr. Hardman said, "The state insists that the school have valid educational reasons for allowing students to attend less than 180 days of school." If seniors did not have time to prepare for graduation after the last day, a waiver could be given. Unfortunately, commencement was scheduled for June 6th which allowed seniors five days to prepare. Most seniors felt they should be let out early for tradition sake while others felt it was their reward. Thankfully, the senior brunch allowed students to set aside their anger and enjoy one last time together. Local businesses and patrons donated prizes which were raffled out to seniors. In her final column in the May issue of the *Inklings* Julia Hamilton (12) provided some advice for the senior class. "Despite all the obstacles and things that came to mind as I finally realized that high school was about to end, the one thing that there was no room for was fear, she wrote." With that in mind the class of 2000 participated in the graduation ceremony at the Star Plaza with unprecedented dignity.

Whether students were just taking a short break or never coming back, they all took the time to 'zero in' on the times and events that affected them during the first year of the millennium. **-Mary Beth Miller & Melissa Mariola**



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2. Adding the finishing touches to her painting, [illegible]omas (12) works [illegible] in her art class. [illegible] many other seniors, [illegible] decided to graduate in January to get a head start. [illegible] Mann

3. Sipping from his mug, Dan Cooper (12) watches the action in the ring at Medieval Times. During the field trip, students ate like they lived in the Medieval period by using their fingers to eat small chickens and eating their soup without spoons. Photo by R. Ovenbeck[illegible]

4. With a treat in her mouth, Megan Hite (12) hesitates to get too close to the pig during halftime at a basketball game. Hite along with three other students were chosen by their classmates to pucker up for the Key Club sponsored event. Photo by Troy Williams

Supportive spectators

Showing off their school spirit, the super fans strike a pose for the camera during a home football game. The fans were known to dress up like sumo wrestlers, the Pillsbury dough boy, super heroes, babies, disco kings, and Rambo look-a-likes to entertain and encourage the fans to cheer. Photo by Leslie Huelat

Just bouncing around

Helping three-year-old Jackie Rettig keep her balance, Michelle Rodriguez (11) holds her hands while jumping on the high jump mat during Child Development's Day Care. Besides having fun outside, the class also made crafts, played games, and participated in many other activities with the children. Photo by Kristin Frank

Time to go back already?

After their field trip to the Federal Reserve and Chicago Stock Exchange, Mr. Art Equihua's economics class loads the bus for the trip back home. The class had numerous projects over the semester including forming their own stock portfolio. Photo by Kelly Vaughan

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